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BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Thursday, July 6, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Commissioner of Water Supply (Deputy Commissioner Haslin), the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Bridges (Deputy Commissioner York), the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meetings of June 14 and June 21, 1899, were approved.

The matter of establishing grade crossings over the Manhattan Beach Railroad, at Utica avenue and Avenue U, and over the tracks of the Long Island Railroad Company and the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad Company, which matter had been set down for a hearing on July 6 at the meeting of June 21, was brought up for consideration.

Mr. Gardiner, representing the counsel for the railroads interested, stated that the railroad companies thought the matter was one which should properly be fixed by the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

On motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, The Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, recommended that grade crossings over Manhattan Beach Railroad tracks, at Utica avenue, between Avenues E and F; and at Avenue U, between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets; and over the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad, at Avenue U, between East Fifteenth and East Sixteenth streets; and over the Long Island Railroad on Gravesend avenue, at Avenue U, all in the Borough of Brooklyn, be established in conformity with the present grades of said streets; and

Whereas, Notice of hearing on such application, and on the recommendation of the Chief Topographical Engineer, that the Long Island Railroad Company conform its crossing in Avenue

U, at Gravesend avenue, to the established grade of Avenue U, was this day (July 6, 1899) had, representative of the railroad company being present ;

Resolved, That this Board hereby recommends that application be made to the State Board of Railroad Commissioners that the said Long Island Railroad Company be required to conform its crossing in Avenue U, at Gravesend avenue, to the established grade of Avenue U ; and that said Avenue U be permitted to cross the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad between East Fifteenth and East Sixteenth streets, and the Long Island Railroad between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets, at the grade of said Avenue U ;

Resolved, That this resolution be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its concurrence ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to conduct the necessary proceedings and to represent the City authorities before the State Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was referred to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
June 30, 1899.

MR. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In addition to my report of June 23, in relation to the opening and the status of streets in the Thirtieth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, I wish to state as follows, and recommend that proceedings be initiated for opening the following streets :

1st. Narrows avenue, from Sixty-fourth to Sixty-sixth street, is shown on the map of the Town of New Utrecht, filed in the office of the Register of Kings County, June 17, 1874. There are buildings within the lines.

2d. Twenty-first avenue, from Eightieth street to Cropsey avenue, is shown on the map of the Town of New Utrecht, filed in the office of the Register of Kings County, June 17, 1874. There are no buildings within the lines.

3d. Sixty-sixth street, from New York Bay to Twenty-second avenue, is shown on the map of the Town of New Utrecht, filed in the Register's office, County of Kings, June 17, 1874, and amended by action of the Supervisors of the Town of New Utrecht. There are buildings within the lines.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
June 30, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—On November 23, 1898, the Board of Public Improvements adopted a resolution for initiating proceedings for acquiring title to Carter avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Tremont avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, under the assumption that there were no buildings upon the lands to be acquired.

Upon recent investigation it was found that there are buildings within the lines, and I recommend, therefore, that said resolution be rescinded and that a new one be adopted for the opening of Carter avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Tremont avenue, with the assumption that there are buildings upon the lands.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

In accordance with the above report, the following resolution, rescinding the resolution of November 23, 1898, was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 23d of November, 1898, for the opening of Carter avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following amended resolution was then adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Carter avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Carter avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Tremont avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such

Carter avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Tremont avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Carter avenue from East One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
June 30, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, recommending the legal opening of Pomeroy street (or Eighth avenue), from Jackson avenue to Riker avenue, I have to state that Pomeroy street, from Jackson avenue to Riker avenue, is shown on the map of Long Island City, filed in the County Clerk's office of Queens County, April 25, 1873.

There is no legal obstacle against approving the recommendation. There are no buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Pomeroy street (or Eighth avenue), from Jackson avenue to Riker avenue, in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the

lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Pomeroy street (or Eighth avenue) from Jackson avenue to Riker avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Pomeroy street (or Eighth avenue), from Jackson avenue to Riker avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Pomeroy street (or Eighth avenue), from Jackson avenue to Riker avenue, in the Borough of Queens, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, June 28, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of 2d ultimo, from the Secretary of your Board, was referred to me, for investigation and report, a communication from the Jamaica Water Supply Company, requesting permission to lay water-mains in Lefferts avenue, Williamsburg road and Market street, in the Borough of Queens, together with a diagram showing the location of the proposed water-mains.

From report which I now have from the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that there is no objection to the granting of the permission desired, and that the water-mains will be necessary to supply high grounds within the territory covered by the franchise of the Jamaica Water Supply Company. The permission should be granted only on the condition that the company shall make no charge, and the City shall incur no liability, for fire-hydrant service or hydrant rentals on account of any hydrants which may be placed on these mains.

The diagram which accompanied the communication is herewith returned, as requested.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolutions were thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority is hereby granted to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit that will enable the Jamaica Water Supply Com-

pany to lay water-mains in Lefferts avenue, Williamsburg road and Market street, in the Borough of Queens, provided said company shall enter into an agreement not to make any charge for fire-hydrant service or hydrant rentals, on account of any hydrants which may be placed on these mains.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to issue a permit to the Jamaica Water Supply Company for opening the above streets, upon the presentation to him of the permit of the Commissioner of Water Supply for the above work.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,)
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,)
NEW YORK, June 30, 1899.)

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that it is necessary to lay water-mains in Riverdale lane, between Riverdale avenue and Old Albany road, for a distance of 2,600 feet, on which there are ten houses to be supplied with water. The estimated cost of laying the mains is \$3,600, chargeable to the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes," boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.

I herewith transmit drafts of a resolution and an ordinance for adoption by your Board and for presentation in the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the laying of the mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted, and the accompanying ordinance approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Riverdale lane, between Riverdale avenue and Old Albany road, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes," boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Riverdale lane, between Riverdale avenue and Old Albany road, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes," boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, July 5, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have received, through the Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply for the Borough of Brooklyn, an application from the Brooklyn Improvement Company, to have water-mains laid in Second street, between Eighth avenue and Prospect Park, West, and from report made to me thereon by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that it is necessary to lay the water-mains in order to supply four houses now in course of erection, on a distance of 800 feet, at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

I therefore transmit herewith drafts of a resolution and an ordinance for adoption by your Board and for presentation in the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the laying of the water-mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Second street, between Eighth avenue and Prospect Park, West, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Second street, between Eighth avenue and

Prospect Park, West, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York."

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 5, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of 14th ultimo, from the Secretary of your Board, was transmitted to me for investigation and report a communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, embodying a resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District of that borough, which presents the proposition whether or not The City of New York should acquire the water-mains, hydrants and plant of the West Brooklyn Water Company, in order to provide a better water supply than that company is able to furnish.

On report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, and on full consideration of the subject, I have come to the conclusion that it would not be for the best interest of the City to purchase the plant and water-mains of the West Brooklyn Water Company, but the object to be attained can be accomplished by having the City lay water-mains in Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, between Thirteenth avenue and Fort Hamilton avenue, and in Twelfth avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-fifth streets. This covers a distance of 6,020 feet, on which there are 47 houses to be supplied with water, and the estimated cost of the necessary mains is \$6,500.

I, therefore, transmit drafts of a resolution and an ordinance for adoption by your Board, and for presentation in the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the laying of these mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted, and the accompanying form of ordinance approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Forty-third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, between Thirteenth avenue and Fort Hamilton avenue, and in Twelfth avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-fifth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of July, 1899, be

and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Forty-third, Forty-Fourth and Forty-fifth streets, between Thirteenth avenue and Fort Hamilton avenue, and in Twelfth avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-fifth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.”

The following resolution, rescinding resolution adopted June 21, 1899, was adopted:

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That the resolution adopted on June 21, 1899, for flagging the sidewalk of Jamaica avenue, between Crescent street and Cypress Hills road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in which the cost and expense of said work was directed to be levied on the property benefited thereby, be and is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following amended resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof, namely:

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 27th day of October, 1898, believes that the sidewalk on the northerly side of Jamaica avenue, between Crescent street and Cypress Hills road, in front of lot known as No. 1, Block 524, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, which is property owned by the Cypress Hills Cemetery, should be flagged, and as aforesaid cemetery is exempt from assessments (chapter 31, Laws 1877), the Board of Public Improvements is hereby requested to refer said matter to the Department of Highways, with the request that said sidewalk be flagged at the expense of the City of New York. The estimated cost of said work is three hundred and four dollars;” and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that all of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

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The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was read :

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, {
CITY HALL, NEW YORK, June 29, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—The Council at its stated meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 1899, directed that the inclosed document, No. 1116, relative to rescinding an ordinance to pave Regent place, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be returned to you for the preparation of a proper enacting resolution.

Very respectfully,

P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—CITY OF NEW YORK, {
No. 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, June 27, 1899. }

To the Honorable the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York :

SIRS—At the meeting of this Board held on the 21st instant, the two following resolutions were adopted, on recommendation of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, viz. :

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That the Municipal Assembly be and is hereby requested to rescind the ordinance which was confirmed by the Common Council of Brooklyn, for paving with asphalt the carriageway of Regent place, between Flatbush and Ocean avenues, Borough of Brooklyn.”

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That the Municipal Assembly be and is hereby requested to rescind the ordinance which was confirmed by the Common Council of Brooklyn on September 14, 1896, for grading, paving, curbing and guttering three (3) feet on each side, with belgian blocks, of Regent place, between Flatbush and Ocean avenues.”

In pursuance of the above resolutions, I am directed to request that your honorable body will take the necessary action to rescind the ordinances above referred to, and I inclose herewith copy of communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, setting forth the facts which make this action advisable.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the following resolutions are hereby approved and recommended to the Municipal Assembly for adoption :

Resolved, That the ordinance for grading, paving, curbing and guttering three (3) feet on each side of Regent place, between Flatbush and Ocean avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, which was confirmed by the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn on September 14, 1896, be and is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Resolved, That the ordinance for paving with asphalt pavement Regent place, between Flatbush and Ocean avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and which was confirmed by the Common Council of Brooklyn in 1897, be and is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
 NEW YORK, July 5, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letters of 9th and 21st ultimo from the Secretary of your Board, were transmitted to me copies of communications addressed to the Board by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, embodying resolutions of the Local Board of Improvements of that borough calling for the laying of water-mains in Irving avenue, between DeKalb avenue and Jefferson street ; in Narrows street, between Bay Ridge avenue and Seventy-first street, and in Bay Twenty-sixth street, between Cropsey and Bath avenues.

From report which I have from the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that in each of these cases the laying of water-mains is necessary in order to furnish water supply to houses already erected or in course of erection.

I therefore herewith transmit a draft of a resolution and an ordinance for adoption by your Board and presentation in the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the laying of the water-mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Irving avenue, between DeKalb avenue and Jefferson street ; in Narrows street, between Bay Ridge avenue and Seventy-first street, and in Bay Twenty-sixth street, between Cropsey and Bath avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Irving avenue, between De Kalb avenue and Jefferson street ; in Narrows street, between Bay Ridge avenue and Seventy-first street, and in Bay Twenty-sixth street, between Cropsey and Bath avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is

hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York."

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
July 5, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for investigation and report, a map showing amendments to Sewerage Districts Nos. 4 "DD," 10 "EN," 11 "DJ," 12 "DB," 15 "V," 20 "CD," 23 "M," 25 "AA," 29 "A," and 7 "AD," submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers for adoption by said Board, I have to state that the said plan was examined, and I recommend the approval of the same.

I return herewith the map, for adoption, and three copies for filing which were submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, in pursuance of section 439, chapter 378, Laws of 1897. That the map or plan submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers, showing modifications of Sewerage Districts Nos. 4 "DD," 10 "EN," 11 "DJ," 12 "DB," 15 "V," 20 "CD," 23 "M," 25 "AA," 29 "A" and 7 "AD," in the Borough of Manhattan, be and is hereby approved.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
June 30, 1899. }
Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that the map or plan of The City of New York be altered by laying out a new street to be known as Fairview place, located between Church avenue and Martense avenue, running parallel with Nostrand avenue, about two hundred and five feet east of said avenue as shown on the accompanying map."

Attached is copy of petition. Map is forwarded under separate inclosure.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that the map or plan of The City of New York be altered by extending the curb-line on the north side of Caton avenue, between the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad tunnel and Coney Island avenue, one foot, or so much as may be necessary to prevent the destruction of the shade trees on the street when curbstones are set in said street.”

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Twentieth street, between Vanderbilt street and the boundary line of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-second Wards, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, proceedings be initiated to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by lowering the grade about three feet of East Sixteenth street, between Beverley road and Avenue C, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the the Local Board of the Eighth District, of the Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that the map or plan of The City of New York be altered by laying out a new street to be known as Raleigh place, located between Church avenue and Martense avenue, running parallel with Nostrand avenue about four hundred and sixty-five feet east of said avenue, as shown on the accompanying map."

Attached is a copy of petition. Map is forwarded under separate inclosure.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that a water-main be laid in Avenue D, between Ocean parkway and Coney Island avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

Proceedings have been instituted for the grading and paving of the street referred to in the above resolution, and it is desired by the property-owners that a water-main be laid in the street before it is paved. I request, therefore, that proceedings for the laying of the water-main be hastened as much as possible.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that Jefferson avenue, between Patchen avenue and Ralph avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action."

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 20, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that Park place, between New York avenue and Brooklyn avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.”

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

NEW YORK CITY, June 27, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held June 27, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that One Hundred and Twelfth street, between Eighth and Manhattan avenues, be paved with asphalt.

Adopted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Queens were referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
July 3, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York ; Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition of property-owners for the laying of public water-mains in Taylor street, from Van Alst avenue to Hopkins avenue, and Hopkins avenue, from Taylor street to Main street, First Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of this borough at its regular weekly meeting, held on June 30, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, Petition to have public water-mains extended along the line of Taylor street to Hopkins avenue, and through the latter from Taylor street to Main street, in First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, was presented to this the Local Board of borough aforementioned, at meeting held June 30, 1899 ; and

Whereas, Such petition meets the approval of this Board ; therefore

Resolved, That same be and hereby is recommended to the favorable consideration and action of the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York.

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BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
July 3, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition from property-owners to lay public water-mains in Kouwenhoven street, Pomeroy street and Vandeventer avenue, all between Flushing and Grand avenues, First Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of this borough at its regular meeting held on June 30, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, Petition of owners of real estate to have public water-mains extended into Kouwenhoven street, Pomeroy street, and Vandeventer avenue, between Flushing avenue and Grand avenue, First Ward, this borough, was presented to this Local Board of borough aforementioned, at meeting held June 30, 1899; and

Whereas, It appears that the private water supply pipes from which water has in some parts thereof been obtained are insufficient in capacity to meet the growing requirements of such section; it is hereby

Resolved, That recommendation be and the same is hereby made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it take favorable action thereon to the end that the Commissioner of Water Supply be authorized to make such prompt response to the needs of the petitioners as may appear proper in the premises.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
July 3, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York; Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition of property owners for the laying of public water-mains in Worthington street, connecting with main of Citizens Water Supply Company on Hellgate road, and running thence in a northerly direction about 1,400 feet, and placing two fire-hydrants thereon, in Winfield, Second Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of aforesaid borough at its meeting held on June 30, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, Petition was submitted to this, the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, at a meeting held June 30, 1899, for the extension of water-main from Hellgate road, running northerly through Worthington street, for a distance of about one thousand four hundred feet, and the placing of two fire-hydrants thereon, all in late Winfield, Town of Newtown, now Second Ward, this borough; and

Whereas, It appears that notwithstanding the existence of the usual provisions for water supply, necessitated by reason of the absence of public water-main, that same during long period of drouth become exhausted, thereby causing great discomfort, inconvenience and hardship; now, for the purpose of meeting the future requirements of the petitioners for water supply, it is

Resolved, That recommendation be and is hereby made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it take such action in the matter as will cause the Citizens Water Supply Company of Newtown, within whose territory the aforesaid conditions and premises exist, to promptly extend the water-mains through said Worthington street, and supply the inhabitants along same with pure and wholesome water at reasonable rates.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Queens were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
July 1, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition for the legal opening of Winthrop avenue, from the Boulevard to the Old Bowery Bay road, of the First Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of the borough aforesaid at its regular weekly meeting held on June 30, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, At regular weekly meeting of this the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, held this 30th day of June, 1899, public hearing was afforded to all whom it may concern in relation to petition received by President of borough aforesaid, and submitted for the favorable consideration and action of this Board to have Winthrop avenue, from the Boulevard to the Old Bowery Bay road, First Ward, borough aforesaid, legally opened ; and

Whereas, It appears to this Board that to legally open said street from and to the points as aforesaid would be to the best interests of this City ; it is hereby accordingly

Resolved, That same be and hereby is recommended to the Board of Public Improvements, this city, to cause the necessary proceedings to be initiated towards carrying out the desires of the petitioners as hereinbefore stated.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
July 1, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition for the legal opening of Linden street, from Fiske avenue to Lexington avenue, Maspeth, Second Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of borough aforesaid at its regular weekly meeting held on June 30, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The President of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, did submit to this, the Local Board of aforesaid borough, petition of owners of real estate fronting on Linden street, in Maspeth, Second Ward, said borough, asking that such street be legally opened from Fiske avenue to Lexington avenue ; and

Whereas, The principal of the public school in the neighborhood of Linden street, in communication to this Board, sets forth that by reason of no public highway existing from said public school to Fiske avenue, over fifty per cent. of the pupils of said school are in winter weather unable to attend on account of the long roundabout way they are obliged to walk in going to and from said school ; and

Whereas, No person appearing for this Board in opposition to the compliance of said petition, and it appearing to us that the said Linden street should be legally opened so that same can promptly thereafter be improved and this much needed thoroughfare established ; therefore

Resolved, That this Board hereby recommends the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it gives this subject its special and favorable consideration and action, as to do so will be to the best interest of the City, and thereby initiate the removal of this obstruction to the education of the children as afore stated.

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BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
July 1, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition as per copy hereto, for the legal opening of Clark street, from Main street to Van Alst avenue, First Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of borough aforesaid, at its regular weekly meeting held on June 30, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, At regular weekly meeting of this the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, held this 30th day of June, 1899, public hearing was afforded to all whom it may concern in relation to petition received by the President of the borough aforementioned, and submitted for the favorable consideration and action of this Board, to have Clark street, from Main street to Van Alst avenue, in First Ward, said borough, legally opened, and

Whereas, It appears to this Board that to legally open said street from and to the points as aforesated, would be to the best interests of this City ; it is hereby accordingly

Resolved, That same be and hereby is recommended to the Board of Public Improvements, this City, to cause the necessary proceedings to be instituted towards carrying out the desires of the petitioners as hereinbefore stated.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was referred to the President of the Borough of Manhattan to have the Local Board take action in regard to construction of sewer :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On May 22 the Secretary of the Board forwarded to this Department for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Fortieth street, between Lenox and Fifth avenues, be paved with asphalt.

On April 4, 1899, I reported to the Board of Public Improvements on a resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Fortieth street, between Lenox and Seventh avenues, be paved with asphalt blocks. I then stated that I did not deem it proper to recommend the paving of the street until a sewer is constructed and water-mains laid.

The work of regulating and grading the street will be completed in about a month, and I respectfully suggest that the President of the Borough of Manhattan be requested to have the Local Board of the District take action in the matter of constructing a sewer in the street before it is paved.

The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement with concrete foundation, on One Hundred and Fortieth street, from Fifth to Lenox avenues, with maintenance for a period of five years, is \$9,500, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$107,000.

I cannot recommend that the improvement be authorized until a sewer is constructed in the street.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

The following communications from the Commissioner of Highways were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 1, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I am informed by the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Richmond, that it is necessary to make a survey for the improvement of the Boulevard in said borough, from Sea avenue, about 3,000 feet. This avenue runs along the beach, below South Beach, and a proper survey cannot be made until the boundaries of the avenue are established.

Will you kindly furnish this Department with the lines of the road referred to, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 3, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter, dated the 2d ultimo, from the Secretary of the Board, requesting me to transmit the maps and profiles of the streets included in the layout of Southfield, Borough of Richmond, as suggested by the Chief Topographical Engineer in his report, relative to the grades of Southfield town roads.

In reply, I respectfully transmit the plans and profiles of all the streets included in the layout of Southfield, and that yet remain to be constructed, and for which contracts have not been let, with the exception of the "Boulevard," from Sea avenue to Sea View avenue, about 3,000 feet.

With regard to this street I recently addressed a communication to you, requesting that this Department be furnished with the lines thereof.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

The following communications from the Chief Topographical Engineer were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
June 29, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—In reply to the letter from the Commissioner of Highways, addressed to the President of the Board of Public Improvements, stating that the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Richmond, reports that he has been informed that a part of Maryland avenue, in the Fourth Ward, Borough of Richmond, has been fenced across, thereby preventing the public from using the section of the avenue extending from the fence to the Bay, and that bids for macadamizing said avenue are about to be advertised for, I have to state that Maryland avenue is not a public road according to information obtained from the adjoining owners.

Its present width is insufficient for a public road, varying from 12 feet to 56 feet, and I recommend that since a plan of the street system of that section is being prepared in the Topographical Bureau no further action be taken as to macadamizing the street.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 9, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—The Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Richmond, has been informed that a part of Maryland avenue in the Fourth Ward, in said borough, has been fenced across, thereby preventing the public from using the section of the avenue extending from the fence to the Bay.

Bids for macadamizing Maryland avenue are about to be advertised for, hence the necessity of ascertaining whether this is a public road or not, and also its legal width from New York avenue to the Bay. Its present width varies from 12 to 56 feet.

Will you kindly furnish me with the desired information as early as practicable, and oblige.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
June 29, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—In reply to the communication of Mr. James Egbert, Rosebank, Borough of Richmond, stating that Hope avenue, from New York avenue to the land of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company, is a private road, and that he is the sole owner of the land on the north side of said road and to the centre of said road for a distance of 206.5 feet, and that he is part owner of the northerly half of said road for a further distance of 560.25 feet, extending from the easterly line of his land to New York avenue, and protesting against the grading of said Hope avenue by the Department of Highways, I have to state as follows :

Hope avenue, from New York avenue to the property of Mr. L. H. Meyer is an earth road, intended to be 50 feet wide ; the portion from New York avenue to the railroad is used for about 25 feet of its width, although a width of 50 feet is indicated by fences along part of the road ; this portion of Hope avenue has been in use for at least thirty years ; the portion of Hope avenue to the west of the railroad is graded for its entire width.

The contract for grading covers the entire length of Hope avenue, from New York avenue to the property of L. H. Meyer. Mr. James Egbert, who owns property on this road, claims that the grading of Hope avenue will damage his property, which is lying higher than the intended grade. If the grade of Hope avenue would be changed in accordance with the wish of Mr. Egbert, then the gradient of Hope avenue would be steeper, and I recommend, therefore, that the grading of Hope avenue be carried out in accordance with the established grades.

Mr. Egbert will have redress by making claim for damages before the Board of Assessors.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Whereas, I am informed, and believe, that Mr. Henry P. Morrison, Deputy Commissioner of Highways in and for the Borough of Richmond and City of New York, has directed Mr. Joseph Johnson, in pursuance with a certain contract executed in the year 1897, to enter, fill, cut, remove and otherwise change the grade of a certain road in the Fourth Ward of said borough, known as Hope avenue, which said Hope avenue, for a distance of over one thousand feet, extending from New York avenue to the land of Staten Island Rapid Transit Company, is and remains a private road; and

Whereas, I, James Egbert, am sole owner of land on the northerly side of said road, and to the centre of said road, for a distance of two hundred and six feet six inches, and am part owner of the northerly half of said road for a further distance of five hundred and sixty feet three inches, extending from the easterly line of my said land to New York avenue, and have not conveyed or released my title in and to the same; and

Whereas, I do believe that such change of grade directed to be made, as shown by the profile map now on file in the office of said Deputy Commissioner of Highways, will cause me much loss and damage, I do hereby protest against and forbid any and all persons making any change or alteration in or to the present grade of said Hope avenue, especially in front of my said land, and between my said land and New York avenue; and I hereby warn any and all persons against interfering with, altering or changing said present grade, warning each and every person who may change, disturb or interfere with the present grade of said Hope avenue that I will hold him and them, individually and corporately, strictly accountable for any loss or damage I may sustain from his or their actions.

Dated at New York City, May 12, 1899.

JAMES EGBERT, Rosebank, Richmond Co., N. Y.

To MR. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Board of Public Improvements, City of New York.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters were laid over:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 1, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter, dated the 2nd ultimo, from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting to this Department for investigation and report, a resolution of the Municipal Assembly, recommending that the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-fifth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, Borough of Manhattan, be graded and flagged. As the resolution of the Municipal Assembly does not indicate that the improvement recommended has been acted on by the Local Board of the District, I suggest that the matter be referred to the President of the Borough of Manhattan for presentation to the Local Board.

The estimated cost of the work is \$2,400, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$500,000.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated June 9, 1899, from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting a communication from the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen,

with a petition for repaving Broadway, from Forty-second street to Fourteenth street, including the space around Union Square, with asphalt.

At present that section of Broadway is paved with oblong granite blocks on concrete foundation, and the pavement is in fair condition.

The estimated cost of repaving with asphalt on the present pavement as a foundation, with fifteen years maintenance, that part of Broadway, including the roadways surrounding Union Square, is \$190,000, of which sum \$29,000 would be chargeable to the railroad companies. With but ten years maintenance, the estimated cost would be \$160,000, of which \$25,000 would be chargeable to the railroad companies.

If the pavement were to be laid on Broadway from the north side of Seventeenth street to the north side of Forty-second street (excluding Union Square) the estimated cost, with a period of fifteen years maintenance, would be \$99,000, of which \$12,000 would be chargeable to the railroad companies. With ten years maintenance, the cost is estimated at \$84,000, of which \$10,500 would be chargeable to the railroad companies.

The proposed improvement is desirable, but it cannot be recommended at present because the Municipal Assembly have not yet authorized the issue of bonds for repaving streets during the present year.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated June 9 from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting to this Department, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Municipal Assembly recommending that Macon street, from Tompkins avenue to Throop avenue, Decatur street, from Tompkins avenue to Throop avenue, and Macon street, from Nostrand avenue to Arlington place, Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with asphalt on the present paving.

In reply, I desire to report that at present this Department has no appropriation from which to pay the expense of the proposed improvements. Therefore their authorization cannot be recommended at this time.

The estimated cost for Macon street, from Tompkins avenue to Throop avenue, is \$6,100 ; for Decatur street, from Tompkins to Throop avenue, \$5,700, and for Macon street, from Nostrand avenue to Arlington place, \$3,000.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NO. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter dated June 12, from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting to this Department, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Greene avenue, between Stuyvesant avenue and Broadway, Borough of Brooklyn, should be repaved with asphalt for the safety,

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health and convenience of the public, I beg to report that this improvement has been listed for recommendation as soon as funds are available.

The estimated cost is \$21,400. It would probably be advisable to extend the improvement to Bushwick avenue, which would make the estimated cost \$26,200.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Rogers avenue, between Park place and the Boulevard, should be repaved with asphalt for the safety, health and convenience of the public, which resolution was received with a letter dated June 12 from the Secretary of the Board, I beg to report that the estimated cost of the proposed improvement is \$12,900, and that there is no money to pay for the work.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated May 22 from the Secretary of the Board, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that the westerly drive of the Boulevard (Broadway), between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Twentieth streets, be repaved with asphalt.

In reply, I beg to report that the estimated cost of repaving with asphalt on concrete foundation that part of the Boulevard, including ten years maintenance of pavement, is \$40,000.

I cannot recommend the authorization of this improvement at present because there are no funds to pay for it. The street has been listed for consideration when funds become available.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 30, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On June 1, 1899, the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, adopted a resolution expressing belief that President street, between Smith street and Hoyt street, should be paved with asphalt for the safety, health and convenience of the public. This resolution was transmitted to me, for investigation and report, with a letter dated June 12 from the Secretary of the Board.

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In reply, I beg to say that the estimated cost of repaving that part of President street with asphalt pavement on concrete foundation, is \$4,900. At present no funds are available to pay for improvements of this character.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
June 30, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit the following report on a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Seventh avenue, from the north side of One Hundred and Fifty-third street to the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, be paved with asphalt-block pavement on a concrete foundation, said resolution having been received with a letter dated May 22, from the Secretary of the Board.

This section of Seventh avenue is in comparatively bad condition, but is subject to slight traffic. The estimated cost of an asphalt-block pavement on concrete foundation, with five years' guarantee of maintenance, is \$15,700, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$109,700, of which \$90,000 is for city property.

Under these circumstances I do not think it advisable to recommend the paving of that part of Seventh avenue at this time.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
June 30, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Complying with the request conveyed to me by a letter dated May 22, 1899, from the Secretary of the Board, I beg to submit the following report on a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Bradhurst avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-first to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, be paved with asphalt on concrete foundation.

The estimated cost of the proposed improvement is \$15,000, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$295,000.

With the exception of one or two lots, the property on the lines of Bradhurst avenue between the points named is unimproved, and a sewer has not yet been constructed in the street. It would, therefore, be premature to recommend the paving of the avenue at present.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Seventh street, between Broadway and Riverside Drive, be paved with asphalt-block pavement on concrete foundation, I beg to report that a resolution has been passed by the Municipal Assembly and approved by his Honor the Mayor, authorizing the property-owners to pave by private contract that part of One Hundred and Seventh street, at their own expense.

Very respectfully,

W. N. SHANNON, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Highways.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were read, and the matters were laid over :

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, June 30, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Bainbridge street, between Howard and Ralph avenues ; on the north side of Chauncey street, between Howard and Ralph avenues ; on the west side of Howard avenue, between Bainbridge and Chauncey streets ; and on the east side of Ralph avenue, between Bainbridge and Chauncey streets, known as Lots Nos. 95 to 98, inclusive, 51, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 33, 35, 48 and 49, Block 60, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 12, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In compliance with your request, I beg to report that the estimated cost of fencing vacant lots on the south side of Bainbridge street, between Howard and Ralph avenues, and on the north side of Chauncey street, between Howard and Ralph avenues ; on the west side of Howard avenue, between Bainbridge and Chauncey streets, and on the east side of Ralph avenue, between Bainbridge and Chauncey streets, known as Lots Nos. 95 to 98 inclusive, 51, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 33, 35, 48 and 49, Block 60, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, with a tight board fence, six feet

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in height, is \$340, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$14,000.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, June 30, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, and deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that a sewer be constructed in Nostrand avenue, between Vernon avenue and Avenue C, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached :

1. Copy of petition.

Copy of report from the Department of Sewers.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, June 7, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of May 31, transmitting petition of Thomas H. Brush for the construction of a sewer in Nostrand avenue, between Vernon avenue and Avenue C, requesting that you be furnished with the estimated cost and the assessed valuation of property, I beg leave to submit the following :

The estimated cost is.	\$2,250 00
The assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment is.	<u>14,400 00</u>

There is no main sewer in Beverly road, and it would be necessary to build a temporary 12-inch connection across said road to provide an outlet for the sewer between Beverly road and Vernon avenue.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, June 30, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the northeast corner of Atlantic avenue and Buffalo avenue, known as Lots Nos. 33 and 34, Block 45, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be enclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

"Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval."

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 15, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Referring to the letter of the 29th ultimo from your Secretary, I have the honor to report that the cost of fencing the vacant lots on the northeast corner of Atlantic avenue and Buffalo avenue, known as Lots Nos. 33 and 34, Block 45, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, with a tight board fence six feet in height, is estimated at \$60, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$1,400.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, June 30, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lot lying on the north side of St. Mark's avenue, between Albany avenue and Troy avenue, known as Lot No. 54, Block 127, Twenty-fourth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot.

"Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval."

Attached is report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, December 12, 1898. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo, asking for the probable cost of the work and a statement of the value of the real estate included in the probable area of assessment, in relation to the fencing of vacant lot on the north side of St. Mark's avenue, between Albany and Troy avenues, known as Lot No. 54, Block 127, Twenty-fourth Ward Map, with a tight board fence, six (6) feet in height, I beg to advise you that the estimated cost of this improvement is \$10; assessed value of lot \$400.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) THOS. R. FARRELL, Deputy Commissioner of Highways.

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CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Rockaway avenue, between Chauncey street and Broadway, known as Lots Nos. 1 and 2, Block 118, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, {
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 3, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter dated the 17th ultimo, from your Secretary, I beg to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the east side of Rockaway avenue, between Chauncey street and Broadway, in front of Lots Nos. 1 and 2, Block 118, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five feet in width, is \$336, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$7,500.

The communications received with your Secretary's letter are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, June 30, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Sumpter street, between Ralph avenue and Patchen avenue, and on the north side of Fulton street, between Ralph avenue and Patchen avenue, known as Lots Nos. 44, 45, 19 and 20, Block 43, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 12, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Referring to your letter of recent date, I beg to report that the estimated cost of fencing vacant lots on the south side of Sumpter street, between Ralph and Patchen avenues, and on the north side of Fulton street, between Ralph and Patchen avenues, known as Lots Nos. 44, 45, 19 and 20, Block 43, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, with a tight board fence six feet in height, is \$40, and that the assessed value of the lots is \$2,700.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to regulate, grade and pave Avenue D with macadam pavement, between Ocean parkway and Coney Island avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and to set or reset curb, pave gutters with vitrified brick, lay crosswalks and flag or reflag sidewalks of said street where not already done.”

Attached :

1. Copies of petitions.
2. Copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
NEW YORK, April 6, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—As requested by a letter, dated March 16, from your Secretary, I submit reports on the following proposed improvements in the Borough of Brooklyn :

* * * * *

Regulating, grading, setting curbstones, paving gutters with vitrified brick, macadamizing the roadway, laying crosswalks and flagging sidewalks where necessary on Avenue D, from Ocean parkway to Coney Island avenue.

The estimated cost is \$9,000, and the assessed value of the property is \$146,500.

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Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the south side of Sumpter street, between Ralph avenue and Patchen avenue, known as Lots Nos. 44 and 45, Block 43, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging (5) five feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“ Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 12, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—As requested by you, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the south side of Sumpter street, between Ralph and Patchen avenues, in front of Lots Nos. 44 and 45, Block 43, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging, five feet in width, is \$42, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$700.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to regulate and grade Prescott place, between Herkimer street and Atlantic avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and to set or reset curb, gutter, lay crosswalks and flag or reflag sidewalks of said street where not already done.”

The above resolution was adopted by the Local Board at the suggestion of the Commissioner of Highways (see page 889 of the Minutes of the Board of Public Improvements of May 10) as a substitute for a resolution of the Local Board providing that the said street be graded.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading and paving of the carriageway of Meeker

avenue with granite blocks, between Kingsland avenue and the Meeker avenue bridge, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of said street where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and seventy-four thousand six hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading and paving of the carriageway of Meeker avenue with granite blocks, between Kingsland avenue and the Meeker avenue bridge, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb, and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of said street where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and seventy-four thousand six hundred dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read, and the matter was laid over for one week :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NO. 2 TRYON ROW, July 5, 1899.

To the Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of your communication of June 2, 1899, which reads as follows :

“At a meeting of this Board, held on the 19th day of April, 1899, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn submitted a petition to close Eleventh avenue in said borough. The matter was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer of the Board, who reported adversely thereon.

“At a meeting of the Board held on the 31st ultimo, a communication on the matter was received from the President of the Borough, submitting an opinion from ‘the Counsel of the Title and Guarantee Company,’ and the following resolution was thereupon adopted by the Board :

“‘Resolved, That a copy of the communication just read, relating to the closing of Eleventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, together with a copy of the “opinion of the Counsel of the Title and Guarantee Company” be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether or not Eleventh avenue, between Forty-third street and New Utrecht avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is owned by the City in fee, or whether the City has an easement thereon.

“I inclose copy of the communication from the President of the Borough and of the opinion from the Counsel of the Title and Guarantee Company above named.”

In reply thereto I would say that I have examined all the proceedings and laws relative to the laying out and opening of Eleventh avenue, from Forty-third street to New Utrecht avenue, in this Borough, and am unable to find any statute authorizing the town authorities to take the fee of the land in question. Section 11 of resolution of Board of Supervisors (Min. July 30, 1891, page 514) provided, among other things, that “the lands for which awards shall have been made shall thereupon vest in the Town of New Utrecht for the purposes of a public street or highway.”

In *Sweer vs. Buffalo*, N. Y. & P. R. R. Co. (79 N. Y., 293) and in matter of Water Commissioners of Amsterdam (96 N. Y., 351), the Court say : “The act itself, inasmuch as it authorizes the taking of private property against the owner's consent, is to be strictly construed, and while the property and the estate which is to be taken, whether an easement or fee, and the purpose to which it is to be applied, may be designated in the statute, it must be by unequivocal words, and in pursuing it, all prescribed requirements must be strictly observed.” In *Washington Cemetery vs. Prospect Park and Coney Island R. R. Co.* (68 N. Y., 591), the Court say : “The act under which Gravesend avenue was to be opened contained no expression that the fee of the land was to be taken. The land, according to the act, was to be taken for the avenue. There is nothing inconsistent in the public use of the land for an avenue and the retention by the landowners of the fee, subject to the easement. It is not necessary that the exact language should be used in a statute for taking private property for public use in order to vest the fee in the public, but it must clearly appear before this effect can be given to a statute that it was the intention of the Legislature, disclosed by the act itself, to take a fee.”

The acts authorizing the Town Survey Commissioners to lay out streets and avenues in the county towns of Kings County provided that the streets and avenues laid out by said commissioners should conform to those in the late City of Brooklyn. The late City of Brooklyn took only an easement for street and highway purposes, and not the fee. It is reasonable to suppose that the same system should prevail in the county towns.

In view of the foregoing facts, I am of the opinion that the land lying in Eleventh avenue, between Forty-third street and New Utrecht avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, is not owned by

the City in fee, but that the City has an easement thereon for the uses and purposes of a public street or highway.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Eleventh avenue, from Forty-third street to New Utrecht avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board, three similar maps or plans for certification and filing in the matter required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed closing and discontinuing of the above-named avenue, and the location of the immediate, adjacent or intersecting, open or established, public streets, avenues, roads, squares, or places, sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed closing and discontinuing of the above-named avenue at a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed closing and discontinuing of the above-named avenue will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD and corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 26th day of July, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
June 29, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, letter from Van Riper and La Coste, including six surveys in relation to the resetting of monuments on Park avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and the Twenty-third Ward line, in the Borough of The Bronx, I have to state that the stakes which are set in Park avenue in the vicinity of the property of Van Riper and La Coste were set to monument the street lines as filed on the final maps and profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, are correct, and cannot be altered without changing the block dimensions as given on the final maps.

The houses were probably staked out in accordance with monuments set by the Park Department, and must have been wrong if the surveys made for Van Riper and La Coste are correct.

The present points set for the streets between Park avenue and Third avenue indicate that the ground is there and that the petitioners on the south end of their property failed to use two feet in the rear from Park avenue.

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On October 15, 1891, a stake was set for the correct position of a monument, and the old monument was allowed to remain, which fact could be seen by the surveyor when he made his second survey for staking out the buildings, January 25, 1892, and March 10, 1892.

The papers and surveys in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, July 10, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to resolution adopted June 14, 1899, for a public hearing in the matter of laying out a park at Coney Island.

The following members were present :

The Comptroller, the Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The report of the Secretary was read showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing as provided by law.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was then read, submitting plan for a limited strip of land in accordance with resolution adopted June 14 :

CITY OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,	}
	July 7, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements directing me to prepare a plan for the acquisition of a limited stretch of property along the water front from the Ocean parkway to Sea Gate, running back 400 feet from high-water line in Coney Island, Borough of Brooklyn, I transmit herewith a map or plan entitled " Tentative Amendment to the Map or Plan of The City of New York, showing a proposed Public Park and Street System in that part of the Borough of Brooklyn formerly known as the Town of Gravesend and designated Coney Island, from West Thirty-seventh street (Sea Gate) to the Ocean parkway, and extending from Surf avenue to the Atlantic Ocean," which embodies all the suggestions expressed in the resolution of the Board of Public Improvements.

The submitted plan shows the laying out of a shore drive 100 feet in width, from the Ocean parkway and Concourse Park, running parallel to the existing shore line, and about 400 feet therefrom, to West Twenty-first street, connecting there with Surf avenue ; a board walk 50 feet in

width to run along the side of above shore drive on the ocean side from the Ocean parkway to Surf avenue at West Twenty-sixth street. The shore drive and the board walk to be at the same elevation, from the Ocean parkway to West Eighteenth street, where the board walk descends from this level, which is about 12 to 14 feet above high water, to the natural surface of the beach and continues so to West Twenty-sixth street.

A street 60 feet in width is to be laid out parallel to Surf avenue, 200 feet southerly therefrom, from the old pier at West Eighth street to the Shore drive near West Twentieth street.

Six streets to be laid out from the shore drive to Surf avenue, viz.: At West Fifth street, West Eighth street, Jones' Walk, Stillwell avenue, West Sixteenth street and West Nineteenth street.

Surf avenue to be treated as a park drive with shade trees to the Sea Gate property, where a large concourse is laid out which will enable the carriages to turn. The park proper to be laid out will comprise all the land lying between the proposed board walk from the Ocean parkway to West Thirty-seventh street, Surf avenue, from West Twenty-seventh street to Sea Gate, and the Atlantic Ocean, extending from the Ocean parkway to Sea Gate.

An approximate estimate of the cost of carrying out the improvements delineated in the submitted map will be as follows:

1st. Acquisition of property lying within the proposed park.....	\$1,745,000 00
2d. Acquisition of the land required for the shore drive, the avenue 200 feet from Surf avenue, and four cross streets (two of the cross streets being laid out over existing streets)	698,000 00
Or a total of.....	<u>\$2,443,000 00</u>

While the assessed valuation of the land to be acquired for the park is..... \$350,000 00

Or about 20 per cent. of the estimated value;

And of the land required for the shore drive, the avenue 200 feet from Surf avenue, and the four cross streets is..... 154,000 00

Or about 22 per cent. of the estimated value, making a total of the assessed valuation..... \$504,000 00

Total area of the land to be acquired:

	Acres.
For the park	36.82
For the streets.....	<u>16.04</u>

The above estimates do not include the improvements on the land.

The estimated cost for constructing the board walk, shore drive, to the foot of streets between the shore drive and Surf avenue, the recreation piers and the bathing pavilions is approximately \$950,000.

Resumé of Cost.

Acquisition of land ..	\$2,443,000 00
Cost of construction.....	<u>950,000 00</u>
Total.....	<u>\$3,393,000 00</u>

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The hearing was opened, and the following gentlemen appeared in opposition to the proposed park :

William H. Morrell, of Manhattan; David Barnett, representing Catherine A. Balmer, a property-owner; Stephen Wallace, of Brooklyn; E. F. Linton, of Long Island; Mark Wright, of Queens; George D. Russell, representing some property-owners; Dr. Chambers, George C. Tilyou and C. C. Overton, of Coney Island; and Herman H. Oppenheimer, representing Mr. Newman and Mr. Braun, of Coney Island.

Mr. Barnett, on behalf of Catherine A. Balmer, presenting the following protest :

To the Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, Catherine A. Balmer, who is the owner of the bathing establishment known as "Balmer's Bathing Pavilion," on the southwest corner of West Fifth street and Surf avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, having a frontage of 152 feet on Surf avenue and 1,234 feet on West Fifth street to the Atlantic Ocean, hereby protests against any action on the part of your Honorable Board to take any portion of her land for the proposed public park at Coney Island, and the reasons for this protest are :

First—It was proposed by the recent destruction of the property known as the "Bowery" to make that "burned district" a public park.

Second—It is proposed that the line of the park shall commence at the west line of the Concourse lands and run west to West Twentieth street, which is a distance of about 3,700 feet on Surf avenue, with an average depth of 1,000 feet to the Atlantic Ocean.

Third—The public lands on the east side of West Fifth street, which are known as the "Concourse Lands," bounded on the north by Sea Breeze avenue and on the south by the Atlantic Ocean, have a frontage of about 2,200 feet and an average depth of about 1,100 feet. Those parcels, which are the property of the public, are, in the opinion of your protestant, sufficient to afford the public all the enjoyment for a public park.

Fourth—While the opinion is prevailing in the public mind that a portion of the Island should be regenerated, still your protestant's property, which is situated to the east of that district, is a piece of property (as are others) enjoyed by the public at large in a respectable manner, and in the opinion of your protestant there is no occasion to acquire any land east of the land which is occupied by the "Bowery."

Fifth—As a taxpayer, your protestant is firmly of the belief that should any action be taken to acquire the proposed large quantity of land for a park, it would involve an expenditure to the taxpayers to the amount of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, which cannot be afforded. Your protestant respectfully submits that it will be an extravagant waste of money.

Sixth—There are, in your Board's knowledge, a great many improvements which are of necessity to the residents and public, and they ought to be provided for before any further improvements are made on what is termed Coney Island.

Your protestant therefore asks this Board to deny the application of any persons for consideration of the park, as she deems it, as a taxpayer, entirely unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE A. BALMER,

By DAVID BARNETT, her Attorney,

No. 189 Montague Street, Borough of Brooklyn.

The following-named gentlemen appeared in favor of the proposed park :

T. DeQuincy Tully, President of the Law Enforcement Society of Brooklyn ; Alfred G. McDonald, former Corporation Counsel of the City of Brooklyn ; Alfred T. White, Henry P. Smith, Rev. E. H. Byington, James McKean, Otto Kempner, representing the Eastern District Citizens' Association of Brooklyn, Henry B. Kent and Mr. McDowell, President of the Sea Beach Railroad.

The Rev. Mr. Byington submitted 153 resolutions and petitions from various congregations and church societies in the different boroughs advocating the establishment of the proposed park.

The hearing was then closed, and the matter was laid over to be considered by the Board in executive session.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, July 12, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Comptroller, the Corporation Counsel (Mr. Farley), the Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meetings of June 28, 1899, were approved.

The following communication was read and placed on file :

TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION,
TENTH, ELEVENTH AND SEVENTEENTH WARDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
NEW YORK, July 10, 1899.

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Esq., *President of the Board of Public Improvements :*

DEAR SIR—It is ever the duty of a citizen, especially owners of realty, to take cognizance of matters presented for the embellishment of the city.

The ever-fruitful theme, which is the better, the beginning and final completion of work as laid out (mindful of the present condition of our finances and tax-rate), or the saddling on the community additional necessary debt for the, to wit : the proposed Coney Island Park? It has been noticed in the press that such a step is contemplated, and we are assured, believed in, and upheld by you, as a rightful project, that would prove of great benefit to our city.

I am ordered by the members of this Association, who, at a regular meeting and with a majority of our members present, after a long discussion, to enter a decided protest to the contemplated act, for the purchase of land at Coney Island for a public park, not that we are opposed to any and all improvements that will beautify our city, or wish in any manner to retard the actual improvements made necessary through natural increase in population, but we do most emphatically protest against the purchase of any property at Coney Island for a public park for the following reasons :

1st. It is a well-known fact that assessments for public improvements throughout the various boroughs have been and will be for some time a heavy burden to the owners of realty.

2d. Valuations of property throughout our city have been raised, as well as the tax-rate, for the current year, causing an extra outlay to all real-estate owners in the aggregate amounting to a large sum of money.

3d. The present sites for parks should at once be taken in hand and men put to work for their completion, thereby giving ample nearby room for the wives and children of our citizens for recreation and pleasure, as in their present dilapidated and dirty condition they are an eye-sore and a menace to health.

4th. Our public schools. It is far more important that they be put under way to completion, that they may be ready to receive scholars at the beginning of the school season. And also, wherever is necessary, additional condemnation proceedings be commenced, for the getting of additional land for the building of school-houses, that it may be said that not one child is debarred from getting an education in our great city. These two necessities we believe to be paramount at present.

Hoping that this may receive your careful attention, believe me to be,

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN BECKER, Secretary,
No. 340 East Ninth street, New York City.

P. S.—Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

The matter of establishing a park at Coney Island was brought up for discussion, and on motion of the Commissioner of Sewers, the matter was laid over indefinitely by the following vote :

Affirmative—Corporation Counsel, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President Borough of Manhattan, President Borough of The Bronx, President Borough of Queens and President Borough of Richmond—9.

Negative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board—5.

In the matter of the proposed laying out of new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for hearing on July 12, as provided by law.

At the request of the Dock Commissioners, the matter was laid over for one week.

In the matter of the proposed change of grades of Fort Hamilton, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth avenues, Borough of Brooklyn, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for hearing on July 12, as required by law.

Nobody appearing in opposition to the proposed change of grades, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 14th day of June, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by changing the grades of Fort Hamilton avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ; Twelfth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ; Thirteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ; Fourteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets, and Fifteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, at

2 o'clock P. M., at which meeting such proposed change of grades would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grades would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, and of the publishers of the corporation newspapers, that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grades who have appeared, and such proposed change of grades was duly considered by this Board; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Fort Hamilton avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets; Twelfth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets; Thirteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets; Fourteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets, and Fifteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grades of the aforesaid avenues, as follows:

“A.”

Fort Hamilton avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets:

- 1st. Beginning at the intersection of Fort Hamilton avenue and Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 73.0 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore;
- 2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 74.25 feet above mean high-water datum;
- 3d. Thence westerly to the intersection with Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 73.0 feet above mean high-water datum;
- 4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 71.33 feet above mean high-water datum.

“B.”

Twelfth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets:

- 1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 66.35 feet above mean high-water datum;
- 2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 65.75 feet above mean high-water datum;
- 3d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 65.60 feet above mean high-water datum;
- 4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 65.45 feet above mean high-water datum.

"C."

Thirteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets :

- 1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 58.55 feet above mean high-water datum ;
- 2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 56.39 feet above mean high-water datum ;
- 3d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 59.0 feet above mean high-water datum ;
- 4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 59.32 feet above mean high-water datum.

"D."

Fourteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets :

- 1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 49.97 feet above mean high-water datum ;
- 2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 50.25 feet above mean high-water datum ;
- 3d. Thence westerly to the intersection with Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 51.0 feet above mean high-water datum ;
- 4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 51.58 feet above mean high-water datum.

"E."

Fifteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets :

- 1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 45.31 feet above high-water datum as heretofore ;
- 2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 44.50 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore ;
- 3d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 47.0 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore ;
- 4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 48.30 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

NOTE—The grade on Fortieth street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth avenues, 65.50, is herewith discontinued.

All elevations refer to the mean high-water datum as adopted by the Bureau of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and

Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Fort Hamilton avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ; Twelfth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ; Thirteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ; Fourteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets, and Fifteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grades of the aforesaid streets as follows :

“A.”

Fort Hamilton avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets :

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Fort Hamilton avenue and Thirty-seventh street the elevation to be 73.0 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 74.25 feet above mean high-water datum.

3d. Thence westerly to the intersection with Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 73.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 71.33 feet above mean high-water datum.

“B.”

Twelfth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ;

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 66.35 feet above mean high-water datum ;

2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 65.75 feet above mean high-water datum ;

3d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 65.60 feet above mean high-water datum ;

4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 65.45 feet above mean high-water datum.

"C."

Thirteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets ;

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 58.55 feet above mean high-water datum ;

2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 56.39 feet above mean high-water datum ;

3d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 59.0 feet above mean high-water datum ;

4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 59.32 feet above mean high-water datum.

"D."

Fourteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets :

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 49.97 feet above mean high-water datum ;

2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 50.25 feet above mean high water datum ;

3d. Thence westerly to the intersection with Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 51.0 feet above mean high-water datum ;

4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 51.58 feet above mean high-water datum.

"E."

Fifteenth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Fortieth streets :

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Thirty-seventh street, the elevation to be 45.31 feet above high-water datum, as heretofore ;

2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 44.50 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore ;

3d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Thirty-ninth street, the elevation to be 47.0 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore ;

4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Fortieth street, the elevation to be 48.30 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

NOTE—The grade on Fortieth street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth avenues, 65.50, is herewith discontinued.

All elevations refer to the mean high water datum as adopted by the Bureau of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn.

In the matter of the proposed change of grades in Ocean avenue, East Twenty-first street, East Twenty-second street, East Twenty-third street, East Twenty-fourth street and Bedford avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing on July 12, as required by law.

No one appearing in opposition to the proposed change of grades, the following resolution

was adopted, and the accompanying form of ordinance approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 21st day of June, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades in Ocean avenue, from Avenue F to Avenue H ; East Twenty-first street and East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue to Avenue H ; East Twenty-third street, East Twenty-fourth street and Bedford avenue, from Foster avenue to Avenue G, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which meeting such proposed change of grades would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grades would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, and of the publishers of the corporation newspapers that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grades, who have appeared, and such proposed change of grades was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades in Ocean avenue, from Avenue F to Avenue H ; East Twenty-first street and East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue to Avenue H ; East Twenty-third street, East Twenty-fourth street and Bedford avenue, from Foster avenue to Avenue G, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to change the grades of the aforesaid streets as follows :

The elevation at Ocean avenue and Avenue G to be changed from 23 feet to 20 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation at East Twenty-first street at Avenue F to be changed from 23.30 feet to 22.50 feet above mean high-water datum ; and at Avenue G, from 22 feet to 19.28 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of East Twenty-second street at Avenue F to be changed from 22.5 feet to 21.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be 275 feet south of Avenue F, 22.54 feet above mean high-water datum, and at the intersection of Avenue G the grade to be changed from 23 to 20.64 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of East Twenty-third street at Avenue F to be changed from 23.3 feet to 22.3 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be about 375 feet south of Avenue F, 23.62 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of East Twenty-fourth street at Avenue F to be changed from 22.5 feet to 21.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be about 225 feet north of Avenue G, 23.63 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of Bedford avenue at Avenue F to be changed from 23.5 feet to 22.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be 225 feet north of Avenue G, 24.52 feet above mean high-water datum. A

summit to be placed in the centre of the block, between Ocean avenue and East Twenty-first street, in Avenue F, to be 23.37 feet above mean high-water datum.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of the above-named streets, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades in Ocean avenue, from Avenue F to Avenue H ; East Twenty-first street and East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue to Avenue H ; East Twenty-third street, East Twenty-fourth street and Bedford avenue, from Foster avenue to Avenue G, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to change the grades of the aforesaid streets as follows :

The elevation at Ocean avenue and Avenue G to be changed from 23 feet to 20 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation at East Twenty-first street at Avenue F to be changed from 23.30 feet to 22.50 feet above mean high-water datum ; and, at Avenue G, from 22 feet to 19.28 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of East Twenty-second street at Avenue F to be changed from 22.5 feet to 21.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be 275 feet south of Avenue F, 22.54 feet above mean high-water datum, and at the intersection of Avenue G the grade to be changed from 23 feet to 20.64 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of East Twenty-third street at Avenue F to be changed from 23.3 feet to 22.3 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be about 375 feet south of Avenue F, 23.62 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of East Twenty-fourth street at Avenue F to be changed from 22.5 feet to 21.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be about 225 feet north of Avenue G, 23.63 feet above mean high-water datum ; the elevation of Bedford avenue at Avenue F to be changed from 23.5 feet to 22.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; a change of grade to be 225 feet north of Avenue G, 24.52 feet above mean high-water datum. A summit to be placed in the centre of the block, between Ocean avenue and East Twenty-first street, in Avenue F, to be 23.37 feet above mean high-water datum.

In the matter of the proposed widening and extending of Delap place, in the Borough of Queens the report of the Secretary was read showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing on July 12 as required by law.

After hearing Mr. H. A. Van Allen, a property-owner, in opposition to the proposed widening, the matter was laid over for two weeks at the request of the President of the Borough of Queens.

In the matter of the proposed laying out and extending of Eightieth street, between Narrows avenue and the Shore road, Borough of Brooklyn, the report of the Secretary was read showing that the matter had been duly advertised for hearing on July 12 as required by law.

Nobody appearing in opposition to the proposed laying-out and extending of Eightieth street, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 14th day of June, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Eightieth street, between Narrows avenue and the Shore road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which meeting such proposed laying out and extending would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out and extending would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD and the Corporation newspapers for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, and of the publishers of the corporation newspapers, that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out and extending who have appeared, and such proposed laying out and extending was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Eightieth street, between Narrows avenue and the Shore road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid street as follows .

The northern line of Eightieth street to begin at a point in the western line of Narrows avenue distant 191.71 feet southerly from the intersection of the southern line of Seventy-ninth street with the western line of Narrows avenue, thence running westerly at right angles to the lines of Narrows avenue to Shore road, connecting with the same by a curve.

The southern line of Eightieth street to begin at a point in the western line of Narrows avenue distant 251.71 feet southerly from the intersection of the southern line of Seventy-ninth street with the western line of Narrows avenue, thence running westerly at right angles to the lines of Narrows avenue to Shore road, connecting therewith by a curve.

Eightieth street to be 60 feet wide, and to conform with Eightieth street, as shown on the map of the property of Jacques Van Brunt, filed in Kings County Register's Office.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Eightieth street, Brooklyn, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Eightieth street, between Narrows avenue and the Shore road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid street as follows :

The northern line of Eightieth street to begin at a point in the western line of Narrows avenue distant 191.71 feet southerly from the intersection of the southern line of Seventy-ninth street with the western line of Narrows avenue, thence running westerly at right angles to the lines of Narrows avenue to Shore road, connecting with the same by a curve.

The southern line of Eightieth street to begin at a point in the western line of Narrows avenue distant 251.71 feet southerly from the intersection of the southern line of Seventy-ninth street with the western line of Narrows avenue, thence running westerly at right angles to the lines of Narrows avenue to Shore road, connecting therewith by a curve.

Eightieth street to be 60 feet wide, and to conform with Eightieth street, as shown on the map of the property of Jacques Van Brunt, filed in Kings County Register's Office.

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was read :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

AN ORDINANCE to change the lines of Marcher avenue, Borough of The Bronx.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 15th day of February, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the lines of Marcher avenue at its junction with Jerome avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to change the lines of the aforesaid avenue as follows :

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Marcher avenue distant 14.57 feet westerly from the intersection of said line with the western line of Jerome avenue.

1st. Thence westerly along the eastern line of Marcher avenue for 17.85 feet to an angle point in said line.

2d. Thence northerly still along the eastern line of Marcher avenue for 76.38 feet.

3d. Thence southerly for 76.68 feet to the point of beginning.

Compared and correct :

D. McCoy.

W. F. O'C.

Adopted by the Council, May 2, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 27, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Approved by the Mayor, July 6, 1899.

NICHOLAS J. HAYES, First Deputy Clerk.

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted :

Whereas, Both houses of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York have concurred in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 15th February, 1899, to favor and approve of a change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the lines of Marcher avenue at its junction with Jerome avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, by passing an ordinance, adopting and approving of the same by a two-thirds vote, and the same having received the approval of the Mayor on July 6, 1899, as appears from the certificate of the City Clerk, received July 8, 1899; and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, by the adoption of said ordinance by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the said Municipal Assembly, and approval thereof by the Mayor, such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York is deemed to have been made; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board, in pursuance of section 437 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, be and he is hereby directed to certify the three similar maps or plans, which the President of this Board has caused to be made and submitted to this Board, and which are hereby approved, showing such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York as above described, and to file the same as follows: One copy so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one copy in the office of the Corporation Counsel and one copy in the office of this Board.

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was read :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the laying out, extending and changing lines of Belmont avenue, Borough of The Bronx.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 22d day of March, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Belmont avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, and changing the lines of said avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend and change the lines of the aforesaid avenue, as follows :

To Lay Out Belmont Avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Street and East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Street.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East one Hundred and Seventy-fifth street distant 200.80 feet northwesterly from the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street with the western line of Crotona avenue.

1st. Thence northwesterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street for 50 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 90 degrees 12 minutes 40 seconds to the right for 386.10 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, as laid out on section 10 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx.

3d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 90 degrees 7 minutes to the right for 50 feet along the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street.

4th. Thence southwesterly for 386.02 feet to the point of beginning.

Belmont avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, is to be fifty feet wide.

To Change the Lines of Belmont Avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Street and East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street.

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street distant 216.25 feet northwesterly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street with the western line of Crotona avenue.

1st. Thence northwesterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street for 60 feet.

2d. Thence southwesterly deflecting 90 degrees 7 minutes 35 seconds to the left for 594.36 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, as laid out on section 10 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx.

3d. Thence southeasterly deflecting 95 degrees 2 minutes to the left along the northern line of said East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street for 60.23 feet.

4th. Thence northeasterly for 599.51 feet to the point of beginning.

Belmont avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street to East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, is to be sixty feet wide.

Compared and correct :

D. McCoy,
W. F. O'C.

Adopted by the Council, May 2, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 27, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Approved by the Mayor, July 6, 1899.

NICHOLAS J. HAYES, First Deputy Clerk.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, Both houses of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York have concurred in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 22d March, 1899, to favor and approve of a change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Belmont avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, and changing the lines of said avenue between East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, by passing an ordinance, adopting and approving of the same by a two-thirds vote, and the same having received the approval of the Mayor on the 6th July, 1899, as appears from the certificate of the City Clerk, received July 8, 1899 ; and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, by the adoption of said ordinance by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the said Municipal Assembly, and approval thereof by the Mayor, such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York is deemed to have been made ; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board, in pursuance of section 437 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, be and he is hereby directed to certify the three similar maps or plans, which the President of this Board has caused to be made and submitted to this Board, and which are hereby approved, showing such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York as above described, and to file the same as follows : One copy so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one copy in the office of the Corporation Counsel, and one copy in the office of this Board.

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was read :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

AN ORDINANCE to extend Andrews and Wiegand places, Borough of The Bronx.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 7th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending Andrews avenue,

from East One Hundred and Eightieth street to the south line of the New York University, and laying out Wiegand place, from East One Hundred and Eightieth street to the south line of the New York University, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid streets, as follows :

Andrews Avenue.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Eightieth street, distant 400.29 feet westerly from the intersection of said line with the western line of Aqueduct avenue.

1st. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Eightieth street for 60.35 feet.

2d. Thence northerly, deflecting 96 degrees 11 minutes to the right for 371.40 feet to the lands of the University of The City of New York.

3d. Thence easterly, deflecting 82 degrees 25 minutes 38 seconds to the right for 60.53 feet along the southern line of the lands of the University of The City of New York.

4th. Thence southerly for 372.88 feet to the point of beginning.

Andrews avenue is to be sixty feet wide.

Wiegand Place.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Eightieth street, distant 177.48 feet westerly from the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Eightieth street with the western line of Aqueduct avenue.

1st. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Eightieth street for 53.24 feet.

2d. Thence northeasterly, deflecting 110 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds to the right for 239.70 feet.

3d. Thence northerly, deflecting 35 degrees 24 minutes 50 seconds to the left for 155.24 feet to the southern line of the lands of the University of The City of New York.

4th. Thence easterly, deflecting 103 degrees 56 minutes 48 seconds to the right along said line for 51.52 feet.

5th. Thence southerly, deflecting 76 degrees 3 minutes 12 seconds to the right for 158.78 feet.

6th. Thence southwesterly for 237.39 feet to the point of beginning.

Wiegand place is to be fifty feet wide.

Compared and correct :

D. McCoy,
W. F. O'C.

Adopted by the Council May 2, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen June 27, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Approved by the Mayor July 6, 1899.

NICHOLAS J. HAYES, First Deputy Clerk.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted :

Whereas, Both houses of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York have concurred in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th December, 1899, to favor and approve of a change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Andrews

avenue, from East One Hundred and Eightieth street to the south line of the New York University, and laying out Wiegand place, from East One Hundred and Eightieth street to the south line of the New York University, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, by passing an ordinance, adopting and approving of the same by a two-thirds vote, and the same having received the approval of the Mayor, on July 6, 1899, as appears from the certificate of the City Clerk received July 8, 1899; and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, by the adoption of said ordinance by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the said Municipal Assembly, and approval thereof by the Mayor, such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York is deemed to have been made; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board, in pursuance of section 437 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, be and he is hereby directed to certify the three similar maps or plans, which the President of this Board has caused to be made and submitted to this Board, and which are hereby approved, showing such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York as above described, and to file the same as follows: one copy so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one copy in the office of the Corporation Counsel, and one copy in the office of this Board.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 3, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements:*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that the lines of Avenue F, between Ocean avenue and Foster avenue, be removed from the map of the City of New York, I have to state as follows:

Avenue F is laid out from Fresh Creek (near Canarsie) to Ralph avenue, a distance of about 9,000 feet, is offsetted there and runs nearly 11,000 feet further to Foster avenue. The petitioners who own a tract of land bounded by Ocean avenue, Foster avenue, Brooklyn & Brighton Beach Railroad and Avenue G, request this change which discontinues Avenue F for a distance of about 680 feet, because they assume that it is worthless on account of its close proximity to Foster avenue. Similar cases exist in Avenue G, which was stopped at Coney Island Road and Avenue H, which stops at Ocean Parkway, without being continued to Foster avenue.

I recommend, therefore, since the owners of the whole tract petition for the change, and the Local Board of the Eighteenth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deem it for the public interest so to do, that the request be granted.

I transmit herewith a map showing the proposed discontinuance of Avenue F, between Ocean avenue and Foster avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, and a technical description of the same for the purpose of giving a public hearing.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by closing and discontinuing Avenue F, from Ocean avenue to Foster avenue, in the Thirty-second Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

The area of the street to be closed is bounded as follows :

The northern line to be 880 feet northerly of the northern line of Avenue G, as laid down on the map of the Town of Flatlands, filed in office of the Register of Kings County, June, 1874, and extending from Ocean avenue westerly for a distance of about 646.56 feet to Foster avenue.

The southern line to be 800 feet northerly of the northern line of Avenue G, as laid down on the map of the Town of Flatlands filed in the office of the Register of Kings County, June, 1874, and extending from Ocean avenue westerly a distance of about 781.56 feet to Foster avenue and East Seventeenth street.

Avenue F is 80 feet wide and parallel to Avenue G. The proposed discontinuing and closing of Avenue F is to exclude all the street crossings of East Seventeenth street, East Eighteenth street, East Nineteenth street.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed closing of the above-named avenue and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed closing and discontinuing of the above-named avenue at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 2d day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed closing and discontinuing of the above-named avenue will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 2d day of August, 1899.

The following petitions were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

We, the undersigned property-owners in the Twenty-third Ward of The City of New York, affected by the proposed assessment for the widening and alteration of Elton avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-first street to East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, and for the widening and alteration of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Brook avenue to Third avenue, do respectfully and urgently request the Board of Local Improvements in the Borough of The Bronx to pass the annexed resolution for the following reasons :

1st. An act similar to this, entitled " An Act in relation to the widening and alteration of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street in The City of New York, from the westerly side of Elton avenue to the easterly side of Mott avenue, providing for the raising of part of the expense by assessment and part of the fund known as the ' Fund for Street and Park Openings ' in said city, "

was passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, and was accepted by The City of New York and became a law on the 20th day of May, 1897, and is known as chapter 627 of the Laws of New York, 1897.

2d. On account of the property-owners affected by the proposed assessment having already paid The City of New York for the regulating, paving, curbing and grading, etc., of said Elton avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-first street to East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, and of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Brook avenue to Third avenue, it is unfair and unjust to them to again be compelled to pay for the same, and they respectfully submit that they are entitled to the same consideration and to the same rights that accrued to the property-owners within the area that would have been affected by the same assessment for the widening and alteration of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from the westerly side of Elton avenue to the easterly side of Mott avenue, in The City of New York, had it not been for the passage of the Act of 1897, hereinbefore referred to.

3d. The changes caused by the widening and alteration of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Mott avenue to Elton avenue, and Elton avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-third street, and One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Elton avenue to Long Island Sound, is principally for the benefit of all of the residents of The City of New York, and will make it the only thoroughfare connecting the parks and drives in the east side of the Borough of The Bronx with the Grand Concourse and drives and parks on the west side of the Borough of The Bronx, and the people having occasion to use this thoroughfare will be the ones largely benefited by the thoroughfare.

MICHAEL GARVIN, Nos. 774 and 776 East One Hundred and Sixty-third street,

LEON OLIVER, No. 778 East One Hundred and Sixty-third street,

—and others.

Whereas, A preliminary assessment has been levied for the widening and opening of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Third avenue to Westchester avenue ; and

Whereas, The said improvement was not petitioned for by the property-owners affected by said assessment, or any of them, and the benefits will accrue to The City of New York ; and

Whereas, Said East One Hundred and Sixty-third street is one of the approaches to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, seventy-five per cent. of the cost of which the Legislature has directed to be assessed upon The City of New York ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York be requested by resolution to direct that seventy-five (75) per cent. of the awards, costs and expenses of acquiring title to East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Third avenue to Westchester avenue, be assessed upon The City of New York.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 6, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Twenty-first avenue, between Seventy-ninth street and Bath avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-ninth street and Eighty-third street, and between Eighty-sixth street and Dyker Beach Park, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Seventy-third street, between Sixth avenue and Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Fourteenth avenue, between West street and Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Eighth avenue, between Fiftieth street and Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Ninth avenue, between Fifty-fifth street and Bay Ridge avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Thirteenth avenue, between Thirty-sixth street and Seventy-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Nineteenth avenue, between West street and Sixtieth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Twenty-third avenue, between West street and Sixty-fifth street, also between Stillwell avenue and Gravesend Bay, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Forty-third street, between old city line and West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

The opening of the above-mentioned streets is required to enable the construction of main sewers in said streets. A report in relation to these matters was made to your Board by the Chief Topographical Engineer under date of June 19. In that report he included Narrows avenue, between Seventy-first and Seventy-third streets, and between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets. Action in relation to opening these streets was deferred by the Local Board at the request of the property-owners who have petitioned for opening the street at greater length.

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Twenty-first avenue, from Seventy-ninth street to Bath avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Twenty-first avenue, from Seventy-ninth street to Bath avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Twenty-first avenue, from Seventy-ninth street to Bath avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Twenty-first avenue, from Seventy-ninth street to Bath avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to Eighty-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to Eighty-third street.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified,

not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to Eighty-third street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-ninth street to Eighty-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Seventy-third street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Seventy-third street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Seventy-third street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and here-

ditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Seventy-third street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Fourteenth avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Fourteenth avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Fourteenth avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Fourteenth avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Eighth avenue, from Fiftieth street to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Eighth avenue, from Fiftieth street to Seventh avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Eighth avenue, from Fiftieth street to Seventh avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Eighth avenue, from Fiftieth street to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth street to Bay Ridge avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth street to Bay Ridge avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court, in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such

street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth street to Bay Ridge avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth street to Bay Ridge avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Thirteenth avenue, from Thirty-sixth street to Seventy-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Thirteenth avenue, from Thirty-sixth street to Seventy-third street.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Thirteenth avenue, from Thirty-sixth street to Seventy-third street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Thirteenth avenue, from Thirty-sixth street to Seventy-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Nineteenth avenue, from West street to Sixtieth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Nineteenth avenue, from West street to Sixtieth street.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Nineteenth avenue, from West street to Sixtieth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Nineteenth avenue, from West street to Sixtieth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Twenty-third avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street, and from Stillwell avenue to Gravesend Bay,

in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Twenty-third avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street, and from Stillwell avenue to Gravesend Bay.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Twenty-third avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street, and from Stillwell avenue to Gravesend Bay, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Twenty-third avenue, from West street to Sixty-fifth street, and from Stillwell avenue to Gravesend Bay, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, that the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Forty-third street, from Old City Line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Forty-third street, from Old City Line to West street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such

Forty-third street, from Old City Line to West street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Forty-third street, from Old City Line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In accordance with the opinion received from the Corporation Counsel on July 6 relative to Eleventh avenue, Borough of Brooklyn (Minutes July 6, p. 1522), the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Eleventh avenue, from Forty-third street to New Utrecht avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Forty-third street, where it intersects the eastern line of Eleventh avenue, being distant six hundred feet from Twelfth avenue, running thence southerly and at right angles to Forty-third street to the northern line of Forty-fifth street for ± 460.74 feet; thence westerly along the northern line of Forty-fifth street and the eastern line of New Utrecht avenue for ± 92.22 feet; thence northerly on a line parallel to the eastern line of Eleventh avenue and 80 feet distant therefrom to the southern line of Forty-third street for ± 438.47 feet ; thence easterly along the southern line of Forty-third street for 80 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed closing of the above-named avenue and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed closing and discontinuing of the above-named avenue at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, at two o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed closing and discontinuing of the above-named avenue will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD and corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 26th day of July, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and filed :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 11, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn in relation to the status and opening of certain streets in the Thirtieth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, I wish to submit a fourth additional report (these reports are sent in as soon as the investigation will allow the making of reports on these streets).

1st. Fifty-seventh street, from Old City Line to West street. The limits should read Fifty-seventh street from Old City Line to Eighth avenue, from Kowenhoven lane to Eighteenth avenue, and from Twentieth avenue to West street, because Fifty-seventh street, from Eighth avenue to Kowenhoven lane, was confirmed May 27, 1892, and from Eighteenth avenue to Twentieth avenue was closed by the action of the Supervisors. There are no buildings within the lines of this street.

2d. Forty-ninth street from Old City Line to West street. There are buildings within the lines of this street.

Fifty-seventh street and Forty-ninth street are laid down on the map of New Utrecht, filed in the office of the Register of the County of Kings, June 17, 1874.

There are no legal obstacles against opening these streets, and I recommend, therefore, that proceedings be initiated for acquiring title to the same.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and the matter was laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 11, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from Mr. T. F. Archer, agent for the G. F. Gaussle property, requesting that the lay-out on said property be accepted by the Board of Public Improvements, I wish to recommend that action be delayed in this matter until the general design for the street system is farther advanced,

The property is located on the Jamaica and Hempstead plank road and Queens road, Borough of Queens. I do not believe that the streets as shown on the submitted map can be placed on the map of the street system of that borough.

Callister street and Hendrickson street are made 50 feet wide and should be at least 60 feet, and Queens road will probably be one of the main roads leading to Flushing and should be 100 feet.

The map will be retained in this office until the final plan is made.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, July 12, 1899. }

HON. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements :*

Dear Sir—I herewith transmit petition of Mr. George F. Johnson and copy of Contract, an agreement with the City of New York, with the proper sureties, etc., for permit to build private sewers in Longwood avenue, from Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, and in Kelly street, from Craven street to Longwood avenue, in the Borough of the Bronx, at his own private cost and expense ; the same to be done under the supervision and direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, and I ask your approval of the same.

Yours, respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

NEW YORK, June 29, 1899.

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers, City of New York :

SIR—The petition of George F. Johnson, of The City of New Yorth, sheweth : That your petitioner is the owner of all the land situate on both sides of Longwood avenue from Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, except the gore lying between Leggett's lane and Westchester avenue, and on both sides of Kelly street from Craven street to Longwood avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

That your petitioner is desirous of constructing a sewer through said Longwood avenue, from Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, and in said Kelly street, from Craven street to Longwood avenue, in accordance with the plans and specifications in the Department of Sewers and as provided in section 560 of the Charter of the City of New York.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that permission be granted him to open said avenues and streets and construct said sewer in accordance with said plans, subject to the rules, regulations and provisions of said section 560 of said Charter,

Dated June 29, 1899.

GEORGE F. JOHNSON.

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

George F. Johnson, being duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing petition by him signed, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matter therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to these matters he believes it to be true.

GEORGE F. JOHNSON.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1899.

D. L. PHILLIPS, Notary Public No. 36, City and County of New York.

County of New York, ss. :

George F. Johnson, being duly sworn, says that he is over the age of 21 years and resides at New York, Fifty-ninth street and Sixth avenue in the City of New York ; that he is the owner in fee simple of all of the land situate on both sides of Longwood avenue, from Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, except the gore lying between Leggett's lane and Westchester avenue, and on both sides of Kelly street, from Craven street to Longwood avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

GEORGE F. JOHNSON.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1899.

D. S. PHILLIPS, Notary Public No. 36.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 10, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby amends Resolution No. 52 of the minutes of the Local Board of April 14, 1899, so as to read :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York that the Department of Highways be directed to stop the digging of sand from what is known as the ‘Eighteenth Street sandbank,’ encroaching on Sherman street and other streets, and that the Department of Street Cleaning be authorized to dump ashes in the excavation now existing there.”

The above named resolution was adopted by the Local Board of the Sixth District at the suggestion of the Department of Street Cleaning in its report to the Board of Public Improvements under date of May 6, 1899.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That the Commissioner of Highways be and is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to stop the excavation of sand or other material in the Borough of Brooklyn, where said excavation may cause an injury in any manner to the streets or avenues.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Street Cleaning is hereby authorized to fill with clean ashes the excavation encroaching on Sherman and other streets in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street-Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and placed on file :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, July 10, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication, bearing date of May 10th, stating that the representatives of Typographical Union No. 6, on behalf of the various trades unions included in the Knights of Labor, have submitted to the Board of Public Improvements the proposed resolution hereinafter quoted, upon which they ask for affirmative action.

The resolution is as follows :

“An ordinance directing and requiring the use of the label of the Allied Printing Trades Council of New York City on all printing done for the municipality of Greater New York.

“Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

“Sec. 1. All printed matter, such as letter-heads, envelopes, blank books (in or on which printed matter may occur), receipts, reports, circulars, proceedings (other than legal), shall have printed thereon the label of the Allied Printing Trades Council of New York City. That all such printed stationery or matter (except legal documents and election ballots) without said union label shall not be accepted or used by the City of New York or its officers.

“Sec. 2. The City Clerk of The City of New York, when advertising for printed matter, shall insert a notice that all bids shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, as regarding said label.

“Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect, in placing all new contracts, and printing not requiring contracts, from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.”

You further state that discussion of the subject revealed the fact that while the members of the Board were not opposed to any proposition calling for greater protection of labor, or the payment of the prevailing rate of wages to all persons engaged on City work, at the same time they deemed it prudent to secure from the law officer of the City an opinion as to the legal right of the Board to adopt a resolution which might be in conflict with the Constitution of the State or the Charter of the City.

The duties of municipal corporations in relation to the interests of labor are to be found in the present Labor Law, chapter 415 of the Laws of 1897, and the amendments thereto.

There is no necessity for any extended discussion of the question suggested by your communication, because no municipal corporation has any right, nor has your Board on behalf of the present City of New York any such right, of applying to printed matter to be used by the City any such restrictions as are contained in the proposed resolution.

It would seem that the interests of printers in this City are already fully protected by the provisions of the Labor Law, which require payment of the prevailing rate of wages on all work executed by or for the City.

Yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel,

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
NEW YORK, July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR— Under date of June 5, 1899, I transmitted to your Honorable Board, blue print of section 3, Main Relief Extension, Borough of Brooklyn, for the construction of sewers in the following streets, viz. :

Greene avenue, from Patchen to Bushwick avenue.
Bushwick avenue, from Greene avenue to Weirfield street.
Weirfield street, from Bushwick avenue to Evergreen avenue.
Evergreen avenue, from Weirfield street to Halsey street.
Halsey street, from Evergreen avenue to Central avenue.
Central avenue, from Halsey street to Eldridge street.

The estimated cost of the proposed extension is \$170,000.

In addition thereto, I forward you the assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment, \$71,345,014.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of New York in 1892 and 1894 had authorized the expenditure of two million dollars for the construction of certain sewers in the Borough of Brooklyn, under title of the Main Sewer Relief and Extension Fund, and

Whereas, It appears that previous to January 1, 1898, bonds to the amount of one million eight hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars had been issued, leaving a balance of one hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars not acted upon, now be it

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby requested to authorize and direct the Comptroller to issue bonds amounting to one hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars, for the purpose of constructing sewers in Greene avenue, from Patchen to Bushwick avenues ; Bushwick avenue, from Greene avenue to Weirfield street ; Weirfield street, from Bushwick avenue to Evergreen avenue ; Evergreen avenue, from Weirfield street to Halsey street ; Halsey street, from Evergreen avenue to Central avenue ; Central avenue, from Halsey street to Eldredge street, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of sewers in Greene avenue, from Patchen avenue to Bushwick avenue ; Bushwick avenue, from Greene avenue to Weirfield street ; Weirfield street, from Bushwick avenue to Evergreen avenue ; Evergreen avenue, from Weirfield street to Halsey street ; Halsey street, from Evergreen avenue to Central avenue, and Central avenue, from Halsey street to Eldredge street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of

the Commissioner of Sewers, said system being known as the Main Sewer Relief and Extension, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one hundred and seventy thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy one million three hundred and forty-five thousand and fourteen dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of sewers and appurtenances in Broadway, from the City line to Riveidale avenue; thence through Exterior street to East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, and through East One Hundred and Ninety-second street to the Harlem river, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eight hundred and ten thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five million four hundred and thirty-five thousand and twenty-five dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, {
July 12, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, directing to report on the necessity of establishing a branch office in the Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state

that I have examined the Jefferson Building, Court place, Brooklyn, and find that Room No. 61, containing 220 square feet ; Room No. 62, with 307 square feet ; No. 63, with 216 square feet ; No. 64, with 300 square feet ; No. 68, with 200 square feet ; and Room No. 69, with 310 square feet, are available for this purpose. And that the building, on account of its proximity to the other buildings in the Borough of Brooklyn, is most desirable for this purpose.

The rent of the six rooms, which have altogether an area of 1,553 square feet, is \$1,200 per year, as shown in the letter of Clarence E. McMahon, agent for said building. The office of Mr. McMahon is No. 172 Montague street, Borough of Brooklyn.

I wish to recommend, however, that the repairs and alterations enumerated in the attached memorandum be requested to be made before the lease is made out.

I transmit also a blue print showing the ground plan of the rooms, with dimensions.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Repairs and Alterations to be Made in the Offices to be Occupied in the Jefferson Building, Court Place, Brooklyn, by the Topographical Bureau as a Branch Office.

1st. Replace stained glass transom windows in Room 62 with ordinary window-glass transoms.

2d. Replace whitened glass in windows of light-shaft and in those opening on hallways, by window-glass.

3d. Change location of such radiators as may be desired.

4th. The interior walls of the rooms to be painted white.

5th. Room 68 should be made available for a blue-print room by replacing the double window frame by a single window-frame, which can be done without interfering with the stone or iron work of the building.

Dated JULY 12, 1899.

CLARENCE E. McMAHON & BROTHER, REAL ESTATE, }
NO. 172 MONTAGUE STREET,
BROOKLYN, N. Y., July 7, 1899. }

LOUIS A. RISSE., Esq., Municipal Building, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Third avenue, Bronx, New York :

DEAR SIR—We beg to advise you that the best figure that we can give you for the rooms Nos. 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, in the Jefferson Building, will be \$1,200 per year. Should you not desire Room No. 64 the rent will be \$1,100 per year. These figures, we think, are very reasonable, in view of the fact that the rooms are all front rooms and light. Hoping that you will rent these rooms from us, we remain

Very truly yours,

C. E. McMAHON & BROTHER.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to lease for three (3) years, with the privilege of renewal, Rooms 61, 62, 63, 64, 68 and 69, in the Jefferson Building, Court place, Brooklyn, at an annual rental of \$1,200 per year, repairs and alterations to be made by owner, to be used as a branch office for the Topographical Bureau of the Board of Public Improvements.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Affirmative—The Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, July 10, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of 26th ultimo from the Secretary of your Board was transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a copy of a communication addressed to the Board by Mr. L. Jonas, requesting that a water-main be laid in One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, between Cauldwell and Westchester avenues, Borough of The Bronx.

From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that the water-main is necessary, there being now five houses on that portion of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and four houses in course of erection to be supplied with water. The distance is 1,150 feet, and the estimated cost of laying the main is \$1,300.

I transmit herewith drafts of a resolution and an ordinance for adoption by your Board and for presentation in the Municipal Assembly to authorize the laying of the water-main.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, between Cauldwell and Westchester avenues, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, between Cauldwell and Westchester avenues, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for ‘Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.’”

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read : :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, July 10, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication dated May 29th ultimo, addressed to your Board by the President of the Borough of Queens, which embodies a resolution of the Local Board of that Borough, calling for the laying of water-mains in Broadway, from the Boulevard to Old Bowery Bay road, and in Grand avenue, from Main street to the Old Bowery Bay road, in the First Ward of that Borough, I respectfully report that on report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department I find that the water-mains are necessary.

I herewith transmit drafts of a resolution and an ordinance for adoption by your Board for presentation to the Municipal Assembly to authorize the laying of these mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Broadway, from the Boulevard to Old Bowery Bay road, and in Grand avenue, from Main street to Old Bowery Bay road, in the First Ward of the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following two forms of ordinance were approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Broadway, from the Boulevard to Old

Bowery Bay road, and in Grand avenue, from Main street to Old Bowery Bay road, in the First Ward of the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York."

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 178 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to the amount of ten thousand seven hundred dollars (\$10,700) to pay for the cost of laying water-mains in Broadway, from the Boulevard to Old Bowery Bay road, and in Grand avenue, from Main street to Old Bowery Bay road, in the First Ward of the Borough of Queens.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, July 10, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have received through the President of the Borough of Queens a copy of a petition of property-owners residing on Worthington street in the Winfield Section of that Borough, asking for water-mains and water service in that street for a distance of about 1,400 feet, from Hellgate road northerly, and for two fire-hydrants on the line of these mains.

The President of the Borough of Queens indorses the petition and urges that it be promptly granted.

From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department on the subject, I find that there is no objection to the granting of permission to the Citizen's Water Supply Company to lay water mains on Worthington street (Winfield) for a distance of 1,400 feet from Hellgate road northerly, with two fire-hydrants on the line of the mains. On this distance there are twenty houses to be supplied with water.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and hereby is granted to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Citizen's Water Supply Company, of Newtown, to lay mains on Worthington street, in the Winfield section of the Borough of Queens, for a distance of about one thousand four hundred (1,400) feet from Hellgate road northerly and erect two (2) fire-hydrants on the line of same.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to issue a permit to the Citizen's Water Supply Company for opening the street for the laying of said mains, upon the presentation to him of the permit issued by the Commissioner of Water Supply for said work.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following petitions were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

In the Matter	}
of	
The opening of Mott avenue, from Railroad avenue, East, to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.	

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

PETITION OF JOHN T. HUNT AND EMMA L. RING, AS EXECUTORS OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ELEANOR HUNT, DECEASED.

Your petitioners, John T. Hunt and Emma L. Ring, as executors of the last will and testament of Eleanor Hunt, deceased, by McCarthy & Baldwin, counsellors-at-law, of No. 33 Wall street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, N. Y., their attorneys, respectfully show to your Honorable Board and set forth, as follows :

I.--That the former Board of Street Openings and Improvements of the former Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York (now merged in the City of New York), on or about the 14th day of September, 1894, adopted a resolution directing that the above-entitled street should be opened from Railroad avenue, East, to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and that the title to the land should be acquired in that regard, and that the entire cost and expense of such proceeding should be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

That, in pursuance of said last-named resolution, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment were thereafter duly appointed by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, N. Y., and after notice, as provided in the statute in such case made and provided, such Commissioners held certain hearings concerning the matters within their jurisdiction, and thereafter made their preliminary estimate and assessment in the above-entitled matter.

II.--That in and by said preliminary estimate and assessment said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment have adopted an area of assessment covering the property owned by your petitioners, which is in no possible way benefited by the intended improvement in proportion to the assessment levied against said property, as a most cursory examination of the property involved will show, and your petitioners now come before your Honorable Board for the necessary relief in that regard.

III.--Your petitioners are the owners of a large tract of land embracing one block, and have paid assessments in very many street opening proceedings, and for other public improvements to The City of New York, in a sum exceeding several thousand dollars. That the property belonging to your petitioners, which said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment have included within the boundaries of the following streets and avenues, that is to say, East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, Mott avenue, East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street and Sheridan avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of The City of New York. While the above-mentioned improvement is adjacent to the property of your petitioners assessed in this proceeding, the assessment is much larger than the benefit which will accrue by reason of said improvement, for the reason that Mott avenue has been a street in use in Mott Haven for more than twenty years and was sufficiently wide for all purposes of local traffic in the adjoining neighborhood, but the said avenue is now being widened to a width of one hundred feet in order to make Mott avenue an approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse. That, in the case of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and certain approaches thereto, the cost thereof has been made a charge upon The City of New York at large. Mott avenue was

not widened in order to meet the increased traffic in that immediate locality, but in order that a proper approach might be made to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse from the south. Such widening, therefore, was not for local benefit, but more for the benefit of The City of New York at large.

Notwithstanding all these facts, your petitioners have been assessed in this proceeding more than the sum of eighty-three hundred (\$8,300) dollars.

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully pray that your Honorable Board will amend the resolution in the premises aforesaid, and direct that all of the cost of the intended improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.

JOHN T. HUNT, } Petitioners,
EMMA L. RING, } Executors.

State of New York, County of New York, ss.:

John T. Hunt, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is one of the petitioners named in the foregoing petition and is one of the executors of the last will and testament of Eleanor Hunt, deceased. Deponent further says that he is thoroughly familiar with the property mentioned in the foregoing petition and with the locality wherein said property is situated, and your petitioner further says that the foregoing petition is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1899.

JOHN T. HUNT, Executor.

JOHN M. HARRINGTON, Notary Public, New York County.

In the Matter
of
The Opening and Widening of One Hundred and Sixty-third Street, from Third Avenue to Westchester avenue, in The City of New York.

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York:

THE PETITION OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SIMPSON, AND OF JOHN B. SIMPSON, JR., AND WILLIAM SIMPSON, JR., AS EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES THEREOF.

Your petitioners, the estate of William Simpson, and John B. Simpson, Jr., and William Simpson, Jr., executors and trustees thereof, by McCarty & Baldwin, counselors-at-law, of No. 33 Wall street, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, their attorneys and counsel, respectfully show to your Honorable Board and set forth, as follows:

I.—The former Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the former City of New York (now merged in The City of New York), on or about the 14th day of September, 1894, duly adopted a resolution directing that the above-entitled street should be opened from Third avenue to Westchester avenue, and that the title to the lands should be acquired in that regard, and that the entire cost and expense of such proceeding should be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby; that, in pursuance of said last-named resolution, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment were duly appointed by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, on or about the 28th day of August, 1895, and, after notice as provided by the statute in such cases made and provided, said Commissioners held certain hearings and made their preliminary report of estimate and assessment.

II.—That in and by said preliminary report the said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment have adopted an area of assessment covering the property owned by your petitioners which is in no possible way benefited by the intended improvement, as a most cursory examination of the property involved will show, and your petitioners now come before your Honorable Board for the necessary relief in that regard.

III.—Your petitioners are the owners of a large tract of land embracing about five blocks and have paid assessments in very many street opening proceedings and for other public improvements to the City of New York, exceeding many thousands of dollars; that the property belonging to your petitioners, which said Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment have included in their area of assessment, is generally bounded by the Southern Boulevard on the east, and Westchester avenue on the west. The greater part of the property so assessed and belonging to your petitioners is more than one-third of a mile away from the intended improvement. The new intended improvement is to change the width of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Third avenue to Westchester avenue, from 60 feet to 100 feet. This widening can be of no possible benefit to your petitioners' land embraced in said area of assessment. Your petitioners' land has now every access to it from the north, south, east and west, by other streets for which your petitioners have paid very large assessments. On the east we have the Southern Boulevard; going to the south we have ample access by way of Westchester avenue, the leading thoroughfare. Westchester avenue gives full access also to the north and to the west. The leading cross streets, from Westchester avenue to the west, are One Hundred and Sixty-first street and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, One Hundred and Sixty-first street being one of the main thoroughfares in the district and leading the entire way to Jerome avenue on the west and to the connecting streets. The westerly side of Jerome avenue is a hilly country and even if the proposed One Hundred and Sixty-third street had an outlet as far as Jerome avenue there could be no possible benefit accruing to your petitioners' property for the reason that the way either north or south on Jerome avenue is as accessible to your petitioners' property by way of One Hundred and Sixty-first street or One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, respectively, and especially as the projecting of One Hundred and Sixty-third street could not be extended over the hilly country between One Hundred and Sixty-first street and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street. But, in addition, One Hundred and Sixty-third street, the intended improvement, stops many blocks to the east of Jerome avenue, and therefore in no possible sense can it be considered a through thoroughfare or leading street. On the other hand, there could be no possible benefit accruing from the intended benefit to your petitioners' property aforesaid, unless One Hundred and Sixty-third street were a main thoroughfare, and even if it were a main thoroughfare extending over to Jerome avenue and beyond to the Harlem river over the hills, a street 60 feet wide would be just as valuable to your petitioners' property so far removed as a street 100 feet wide.

Furthermore, the entire property in the neighborhood is residential, and in no way business property, and the only land benefited by the intended widening is the abutting land.

Notwithstanding all these facts, your petitioners have been assessed in the said proceeding for their said distant property more than the sum of sixteen thousand (\$16,000) dollars.

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully pray that your Honorable Board will amend the resolution in the premises aforesaid and direct that one-half of the cost of the intended improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, to the end that the remaining amount to be levied by the assessment shall be imposed solely on the street so to be widened, being the only property actually benefited thereby.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, JR., and
JOHN B. SIMPSON, JR.,

As executors of and trustees under the last will and testament of William Simpson, deceased.

By MCCARTY & BALDWIN,
Attorneys for petitioners, No. 33 Wall street, New York City.

City and County of New York, ss. :

Jared G. Baldwin, Jr., being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the members of the firm of McCarty & Baldwin, attorneys for the foregoing petitioners ; that he has examined the aforesaid property and facts in connection therewith, and that the aforesaid petition is true to the best knowledge and belief of deponent.

JARED G. BALDWIN, JR.

Sworn to before me, this 10th day of July, 1899.

JOHN M. HARRINGTON, Notary Public, New York County.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer .

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 7th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that, in pursuance of the provisions of section 435 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, proceedings be initiated to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by changing the grade of Nichols avenue, between Etna street and Jamaica avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached :

1. Copy of petition.
2. Copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

(Signed) EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

To the Local Board of Improvement, Ninth District :

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, owners of property on that part of Nichols avenue lying between Etna and Jamaica avenues, do hereby respectfully petition your Honorable Body to change the official grade map in the following particular :

The grade for the intersection of Nichols avenue and Etna avenues to remain at 38.56.

The grade for the intersection of Nichols avenue and Condit street to become 42.96.

And the grade for the intersection of Nichols and Jamaica avenues to remain at 52.55.

The proposed grades are identical with those established previous to the year 1895.

(Signed) HENRY KUHN and others.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, {
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 15, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of a letter dated the 6th instant, from your Secretary, recalling to my attention, by direction of the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, the matter of changing the grade of Nichols avenue, between Etna street and Jamaica avenue.

The object of referring the matter back to this Department is 'to afford an opportunity to make a favorable report as a substitute for the adverse one submitted under date of May 9.

In reply I beg to say that a re-examination of the matter has been made, and this Department is willing to withdraw its objection to the change of grade of Nichols avenue because it is understood that the Department of Sewers makes no objection to, and the property-owners are satisfied with, a shallow sewer. Under these circumstances, there is no reason why this Department should oppose the proposed change of grade.

The estimated cost of regulating, grading and paving with asphalt on concrete foundation, as well as setting curbstones and flagging and reflagging the sidewalks where required on Nichols avenue, between Etna street and Jamaica avenue, is \$41,000, the asphalt pavement to be laid on concrete foundation.

The communications received with the letter of the 6th instant from your Secretary are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 6, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

PETITION FOR OPENING STREET.

Local Board, Fifth District :

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, to recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue.

(Signed)

JULIETTE TEUBNER and others,

The "Pines," Debruyns Lane, Bath Beach.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 6, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 6th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that De Bruyns lane (or Old Bath road), between Eighty-sixth street and Cropsey avenue, be closed, said closing to take effect at such

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time as Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue, is open for travel."

Attached is petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

Local Board, Fifth District :

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, hereby petition the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, to recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to close De Bruyns lane (or Old Bath road), between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue, said closing to take effect at such time as Bay Twenty-third street, between Eighty-sixth street and Cropsey avenue, is open for travel.

(Signed) JULIETTE TEUBNER and others,

"The Pines," De Bruyns lane, Bath Beach.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 8, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 7th day of July, 1899, and deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that the Topographical Bureau be instructed to determine whether it is possible to lower the grade of the streets between Van Siclen avenue and Fountain avenue south of Pitkin avenue, in the Twenty-sixth Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, and to report for adoption such grade as can be established at the lowest point consistent with the needs of said section."

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

NEW LOTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,
TWENTY-SIXTH WARD, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. {
June 6, 1899. }

To the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, New York City, N. Y. :

GENTLEMEN—Whereas, The section of the Twenty-sixth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, embraced between Van Siclen avenue and Fountain avenue and south of Pitkins avenue, is greatly in need of improvements ; and

Whereas, It will impose a hardship on the adjacent property-owners if the improvements are carried out on the grade as at present adopted ;

Therefore, We, the undersigned property-owners in the section above described, do respectfully petition your Honorable Body to recommend a change in the established grade of that section, and that said grade be lowered to the lowest point consistent with the needs of said section.

As the sewers are being built on the present grade, the manholes are erected from 2 feet to 10 feet above the natural surface of the ground, and are very dangerous to travel at night, more especially as the greater portion of the area is unlighted.

Aside from the element of danger, if the streets are graded to the present established grade, the amount of assessment on the various parcels of land will be enormous, as the facilities for obtaining soil for filling in are meagre, necessitating the hauling from sections outside of the ward.

Hoping that this matter will receive your earliest and favorable attention, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) NEW LOTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION and others.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 8, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had on a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Gardner avenue, between Johnson avenue and Flushing avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Sewers, showing that the opening of the above-mentioned street is necessary, in order that a sewer may be constructed therein.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, June 7, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of May 31, transmitting copy of petition of J. Riedmann and others, for the construction of a sewer in Wyckoff avenue, in place of the one already there, also petition of Martin Schaffer and others, for the construction of a sewer through Wyckoff, Gardner and Johnson avenues.

I beg to report as follows :

The estimated cost of main sewer on Wyckoff avenue, from Myrtle avenue to Flushing Avenue, thence through Gardner to Johnson avenue, then through Johnson avenue to Knickerbocker avenue, is	\$39,400 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment is.	2,077,640 00
The estimated cost of lateral sewer in Flushing avenue, from Irving to Gardner avenue, is	1,450 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment is.....	<u>34,232 00</u>

No record can be found of the opening of Gardner avenue, between Johnson and Flushing avenues.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 6, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Seventy-first street, between Third avenue and the Shore road, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

We, the undersigned, residents and property-owners in Bay Ridge, respectfully petition your honorable body to have commissioners appointed for the opening of Seventy-first street from Third avenue to Shore road.

(Signed) LOUIS C. AGER, M. D., Stillman place and Third avenue.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 6, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a joint meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open West street, between Franklin avenue and Forty-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Forty-seventh street, between Eighteenth avenue and Foster avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

The above-mentioned streets are required to be opened for sewer purposes. (For copy of report of the Department of Sewers showing the necessity for opening the streets, see minutes of the Board of Public Improvements of June 14, 1899, pages 1291-2.)

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 10, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Boards of the Sixth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a joint meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, proceedings be initiated to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Twentieth street, between Tenth avenue and Vanderbilt street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. }
 BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
 June 23, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—By a letter dated May 28 I am requested by your Secretary to furnish you with an estimate of the cost of grading and paving Twentieth street, between Tenth avenue and Vanderbilt street, with macadam pavement.

In reply, I beg to say that Twentieth street was opened from Gowanus Bay to the city line, just north of Eleventh avenue, in 1852. There is no record of said street in the Twenty-ninth Ward having been opened, though it is doubtless an open street under the law, as there are buildings thereon. The street has a number of different grades. The original grade chart of the City of Brooklyn shows an elevation of 144 feet 7 inches at the city line. The street has been graded and paved with cobble stone up to this point, therefore the property-owners could have petitioned for a repavement. No grades seem to have been established by the late town of Elizabeth. In the year 1896, however, a chart was prepared by Mr. E. C. Swezey to adjust the grades in the neighborhood to those of the city. As shown on the chart, the grade of Twentieth street would fall from an elevation of about 149 at Tenth avenue to 118 at Terrace place, and the elevation at the old town line would be about 122½ feet, or about 22 feet lower than the old grade, according to which the street has been improved.

The buildings on the street are at the following locations :

Between Tenth avenue and old city line, 8 feet on the west side and 5 on the east side of the street. Four of those on the west side are near the old town line, where the street would have to be dug down about 17 feet to conform to the present legal grade.

Between Seely street and Terrace place there are seven buildings, one on the east side and six on the west side.

Between Seely and Vanderbilt streets there are eighteen buildings, of which ten are on the east, and eight on the west side.

To improve this street to the existing legal grade would result in serious complications, as the surface of the street would have to be lowered about seventeen feet. It is therefore suggested that the matter of grades be referred to the Board of Public Improvements for adjustment by the Topographical Bureau.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

LORD, DAY & LORD, }
 EQUITABLE BUILDING, NO. 120 BROADWAY, }
 NEW YORK, July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, Syndicate Building, City :

DEAR SIR—During the month of April the Queens County Water Company applied to your Honorable Board for permission to make certain extensions of its mains within the territory of the former Village of Far Rockaway, now part of the Fifth Ward of the Borough of Queens. This application was, as I am informed, referred to the Department of Water Supply, and, so far as I am aware, has not been reported back to your Board, or, if so reported, no action has been taken thereon.

The extension is for the purpose of supplying water to residents who are without any other adequate supply and of improving the service to consumers now supplied by the company. The company has accepted the rates for hydrant service established by the resolution of your Board adopted at its meeting on August 24, 1898, which were substantially in accordance with the rates prescribed in its contracts with the villages through which its mains ran, and, as the company does not ask to have hydrants established on the line of the proposed extension, the permission sought will not increase the amount payable to the company by the City, and all it asks is permission to open the streets for the purpose of laying its mains in accordance with its charter from the Supervisors of the County of Queens. The delay in making the extension is a matter of serious inconvenience to the persons residing on its line, and I respectfully ask that the application may be granted.

Very respectfully,

FRANKLIN B. LORD, President Queens County Water Company.

The following communication from the Board of Health was referred to the President of the Borough of Manhattan :

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, July 7, 1899. }

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held July 5, 1899, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector Feeney, in respect to the dangerous condition of vacant lots Nos. 24 to 30 West One Hundred and Thirteenth street, Borough of Manhattan, be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements, with the request that, for sanitary reasons, the Department of Health be authorized and directed to have said lots fenced.

A true copy.

EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Acting Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, June 27, 1899. }

To the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent :

SIR—On a citizen's complaint an inspection was made of the vacant lots located at Nos. 24 to 30 West One Hundred and Thirteenth street, and they were found to be in a dangerous condition. Order No. 21052 was issued on June 6, 1899, requiring said lots to be cleaned and properly fenced. A careful search has been made to find the owner of the lots to serve the necessary order, but without success, and as all remedies existing in this Department for the enforcement of the order have been exhausted, I respectfully recommend that the Board of Public Improvements be requested to authorize and direct the Department of Highways to have said lots properly fenced.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M. B. FEENEY, Chief Sanitary Inspector.

A true copy :

EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Acting Chief Clerk.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
July 6, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that water-mains be laid in Sixty-ninth street, between Seventeenth avenue and Nineteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 10, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that a water hydrant be constructed so as to provide proper fire protection in the neighborhood of Howard avenue and Park place, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Forty-fifth street, between the former city line and West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

“ Resolved, That the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommend to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Forty-fourth street, between the former city line and West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

The opening of the above-mentioned streets is required to enable the construction of main sewers in said streets. A report in relation to these matters was made to your Board by the Chief Topographical Engineer under date of June 23, 1899.

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899.*Board of Public Improvements :*

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Sixteenth avenue, between Flatbush line and Eighty-fourth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Seventeenth avenue, between Flatbush line and Bath avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Fifty-third street, between old City line and West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn,"

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Sixty-second street, between Second avenue and Third avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Seventy-seventh street, between the Shore road and Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Battery avenue, between One Hundred and Seventh street and Eighty-sixth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Twentieth avenue, between Eighty-sixth avenue and Gravesend bay, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Seventieth street, between Fourteenth avenue and Twenty-second avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Seventy-third street, between Thirteenth avenue and Eighteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Eightieth street, between Fourteenth avenue and Eighteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that, proceedings be initiated to open Benson avenue, between Fourteenth avenue and Fifteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Fourteenth avenue, between Eighty-sixth street and Cropsy avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

The opening of the above-mentioned streets is required to enable the construction of main sewers in said streets. A report in relation to these matters was made to your Board by the Chief Topographical Engineer under date of June 23, 1899.

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following petition for repaving Eleventh street, Borough of Manhattan, was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

To the Honorable Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—We would respectfully petition your Honorable Board to cause Eleventh street, between University place and Broadway, in the Borough of Manhattan, to be repaved with asphalt on the present stone pavement. An asphalt pavement laid on this block will give us a noiseless and sanitary pavement, which is very much needed.

Respectfully,

THE SCOVILLE & ADAMS COMPANY OF NEW YORK, and others.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 11th day of July, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 11th day of July, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that Bergen street, between Albany avenue and Bedford avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.”

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 11th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that the Department of Highways

be instructed to remove obstructions, consisting of railroad tracks and a building or buildings used by the company operating the railroad, and such other obstructions as there may be, from the foot of Sixty-fifth street, Borough of Brooklyn."

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that First street, between Fourth avenue and Fifth avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action."

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that Fifth street, between Fourth avenue and Fifth avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action."

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 10, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that South Oxford street, between Fulton street and Atlantic avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action."

Attached is copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
 July 11, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest, and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that Eighth avenue, between Seventh street and Ninth street, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action.”

Attached is copy of communication from Mr. John Nolty, of No. 501 Eighth street.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, }
 NEW YORK, July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I present herewith petition of the Eastern Parkway Company for the privilege to construct a sewer in New York avenue, between Eastern parkway and President street, at their own private cost and expense. The necessary form as to the affidavit of ownership of land, agreement between the owner and contractor, also between the contractor and the City are in due form.

I respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

NEW YORK CITY, July 11, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Eighteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 11, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Eighteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the sidewalks on the south side of Seventy-fifth street, between Avenue A and the East river, be reflagged and regraded so as to conform to the established grade.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, July 11, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Fourteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 11, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Fourteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the holes in asphalt pavement on Sixteenth street, between Avenues A and C, be repaired.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies :

NEW YORK CITY, July 11, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 11, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be directed to proceed to lay gas-mains in Audubon avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-fourth and One Hundred and Eighty-fifth streets.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

NEW YORK CITY, July 11, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President of the Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Fourteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 11, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved that the Board of Local Improvements of the Fourteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the recommendation of the Municipal Assembly, providing for the opening, laying out and continuation of Avenue B, from Twentieth to Twenty-third street.

Adopted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matters were laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 7, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, four communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending the constructing sewers in the following avenues and streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn :

- 1st. Ninth street, between Columbia and Hicks streets ;
- 2d. Fourth avenue, west side, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets ;

- 3d. Fifty-fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues ;
- 4th. Hamilton avenue, from Sixty-second to Sixtieth street ;
- 5th. Sixtieth street, from Fort Hamilton avenue to Fourteenth avenue ;
- 6th. Fourteenth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Forty-first street ;

—I have to state as follows :

1st. West Ninth street, between Columbia street and Hicks street, is shown on Map J, District 22, filed December 6, 1859, and the street was opened as Church street May 25, 1850.

2d. Fourth avenue, west side, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets, is shown on Map N, District 29, filed February 18, 1868, and February 17, 1887, and the avenue is legally open since May 7, 1855.

3d. Fifty-fourth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenues, is shown on Sewerage Map N, District 22, filed February 18, 1868. The street was ceded March 28, 1892.

4th. Hamilton avenue, from Sixty-second street to Sixtieth street, is shown on Sewerage Map T, District No. 40, filed March 7, 1899. The avenue was opened under the name of Franklin avenue June 31, 1873.

5th. Sixtieth street, from Fort Hamilton avenue to Fourteenth avenue, is shown on Sewerage Map T, District No. 40, filed March 7, 1899. The street was opened April 1, 1872.

It will be seen from the above statements that there is no legal obstacle against recommending the construction of sewers in the above five streets.

6th. Fourteenth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Forty-first street, is shown on Sewerage Map T, District No. 40, filed March 7, 1899. Fourteenth avenue is not legally opened as yet, but a recommendation was made to the Board of Public Improvements to initiate proceedings for acquiring title to the same, and I recommend, therefore, that no action be taken in the matter at this time.

I return herewith the papers in the matter.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were read, and the matters laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 6, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a joint meeting held on July 6, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 6th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that sewers be constructed in the following streets :

- Sixtieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Nineteenth avenue ;
- Nineteenth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Forty-seventh street ;
- Forty-seventh street, from Nineteenth street to Foster avenue ;
- Foster avenue, from Forty-seventh street to Ocean parkway ;
- Ocean parkway, from Foster avenue to Avenue E ;
- Avenue E, from Ocean parkway to East Fifth street ;
- Forty-seventh street, from West street to Seventeenth avenue ;

West street, from Nineteenth avenue to Forty-seventh street ;
 Third street, from Foster avenue to Franklin avenue.
 Franklin avenue, from East Second street to West street ;
 West street, from Franklin avenue to Forty-third street ;
 Forty-fifth street, from West street to Seventeenth avenue ;
 —in the Borough of Brooklyn."

(For petition and copy of report from the Department of Sewers see minutes of the Board of Public Improvements of June 14, 1899, pages 1291 and 1292.)

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
 July 6, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

" Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York that proceedings be initiated to open Tenth avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Fifty-third streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

The above resolution was adopted at the suggestion of the Chief Topographical Engineer as a substitute for a resolution of the Local Board recommending the opening of Tenth avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Eighty-seventh streets. (See minutes Board of Public Improvements of June 7, 1899, page 1172).

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
 July 8, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

" Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that a sewer be constructed in Wyckoff avenue, between Myrtle avenue and Flushing avenue ; thence through Gardner avenue to Johnson avenue, thence through Johnson avenue to Knickerbocker avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

Attached :

1. Copy of petition of Francis T. Underhill and others.
2. Copy of petition of Joseph Riedmann and others.
3. Copy of report from the Department of Sewers.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NEW YORK, June 7, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of May 31, transmitting copy of petition of J. Riedmann and others, for the construction of a sewer in Wyckoff avenue, in place of the one already there, also petition of Martin Schaffer and others for the construction of a sewer through Wyckoff, Gardner and Johnson avenues, I beg to report as follows :

The estimated cost of main sewer on Wyckoff avenue, from Myrtle avenue to Flushing avenue, thence through Gardner to Johnson avenue, thence through Johnson avenue to Knickerbocker avenue, is \$39,400.

Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment is \$2,077,640; the estimated cost of lateral sewer in Flushing avenue, from Irving to Gardner avenue, is, \$1,450; assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment is \$34,232.

No record can be found of the opening of Gardner avenue, between Johnson and Flushing avenues.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
 July 6, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 6, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north-west side of Bay Twenty sixth street, between Cropsey avenue and Bath avenue, known as Lots Nos. 35 to 40, inclusive, and 1, Block 826, Thirtieth Ward map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK,
 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 15, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Complying with the request conveyed to me by a letter dated the 29th ultimo, from your Secretary, I beg to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the north-west side of Bay Twenty-sixth street, between Cropsey avenue and Bath avenue, in front of Lots Nos. 35 to 40, inclusive, and 1, Block 826, Thirtieth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging, five feet in width, is \$530, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$6,850.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

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CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Williams place, between Fulton street and East New York avenue, known as Lot No. 55, Block 34, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 22, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the request conveyed to me by a letter dated the 5th instant, from your Secretary, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the east side of Williams place, between Fulton street and East New York avenue, in front of Lot No. 55, Block 34, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five feet in width, is \$25, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$700.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES. P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north side of Greene avenue, between Bushwick avenue and Evergreen avenue, known as Lot No. 12, Block 16, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
 BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 9, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter dated June 2, from your Secretary, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the north side of Greene avenue, between Bushwick and Evergreen avenues, in front of Lot No. 12, Block 16, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five feet in width, is \$19, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$2,000.

The complaint addressed to you regarding the condition of the sidewalk is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
 July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 7th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that proceedings be initiated to regulate, grade and pave Nichols avenue with asphalt pavement, between Jamaica avenue and Atlantic avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and to set or reset, curb and flag or reflag, sidewalks of said street where not already done.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways, and copy of petition.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NO. 150 NASSAU STREET,
 NEW YORK, April 6, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—As requested by a letter, dated March 16, from your Secretary, I submit reports on the following proposed improvements in the Borough of Brooklyn :

* * * * *

Regulating, grading and paving with asphalt pavement on concrete foundation, setting curbstones and flagging and reflagging sidewalks where required, on Nichols avenue, between Jamaica and Atlantic avenues.

The estimated cost is \$45,600, and the assessed value of the property is \$120,600.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 7th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that a sewer-basin be constructed at the southeast corner of Linwood street and Pitkin avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached :

1. Copy of petition.
2. Copy of report from the Department of Sewers.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, May 11, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication, under date of May 4th, requesting to be furnished with the estimated cost and the assessed valuation of real estate within the probable area of assessment for the construction of a sewer-basin, southeast corner of Linwood street and Pitkin avenue.

The estimated cost is \$110 ; assessed valuation of property benefited thereby, \$5,200.

I also desire to call your attention to report of Chief Engineer, from which I am led to infer that the construction of this basin will entail unnecessary expense upon the property to be benefited, as the Department has already constructed a sufficient number of basins to care for this intersection.

If Pitkin avenue, at this point, was brought to the established grade, there will be no necessity for this sewer-basin. I am,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the northwesterly side of Gates avenue, between Hamburg avenue and Central avenue, known as Lot No. 59, Block 49, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

"Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval."

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 22, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter, dated the 5th instant, from your Secretary, and to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the westerly side of Gates avenue, between Hamburg and Central avenues, in front of Lot No. 59, Block 49, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five feet in width, is \$31, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$1,200.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north side of Gates avenue, between Irving avenue and Myrtle avenue, known as Lots Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14, Block 92, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

"Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval."

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 12, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—As requested by you, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the north side of Gates avenue, between Irving and Myrtle avenues, in front of Lots Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14, Block 92, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five feet in width, is \$200, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$6,450.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

JULY 12, 1899.]

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CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Third avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, known as Lots Nos. 31 and 32, Block 31, Eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, May 26, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the request conveyed to me by a letter dated the 17th instant from your Secretary, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the east side of Third avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets, in front of Lots Nos. 31 and 32, Block 31, Eighth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five feet in width, is \$55, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$3,500.

The petition for this improvement is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 7, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the southeast corner of Bushwick avenue and Decatur street, known as Lots Nos. 5 to 9 inclusive, Block 152, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

{EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 12, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—I beg leave to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk at the southeast corner of Bushwick avenue and Decatur street, in front of Lots 5 to 9 inclusive, Block 152, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five feet in width, is \$250, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$7,350.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
June 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-ninth street and Fiftieth street, known as Lots Nos. 13, 14 and 15, Block 150, Eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“ Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 26, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In answer to a letter dated June 1 from your Secretary, I beg to report that the estimated cost of fencing vacant lots on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, known as Lots Nos. 13, 14 and 15, Block 150, Eighth Ward Map, with a tight board fence six feet in height, is \$30, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$3,750.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, and on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, known as Lots Nos. 53, 54, 55, 56 and 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 156,

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Eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 26, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, *President, Borough of Brooklyn :*

DEAR SIR—As requested by the letter dated June 1, from your Secretary, I beg to report that the estimated cost of fencing vacant lots on the south side of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, and on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, known as Lots Nos. 53, 54, 55, 56 and 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 156, Eighth Ward Map, with a tight board fence five feet in height, is \$120, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$7,750.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, and on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-second street and Forty-third street, known as Lots Nos. 7, 8, 26, 27 and 28, Block 157, Eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 26, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, *President, Borough of Brooklyn :*

DEAR SIR—As requested by the letter dated June 1, from your Secretary,

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I also beg to report that the estimated cost of fencing the vacant lots on the north side of

Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, and on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-second and Forty-third streets, known as Lots Nos. 7, 8, 26, 27 and 28, Block 157, Eighth Ward Map, with a tight board fence, six feet high, is \$90, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$4,600.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 11, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the south side of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, known as Lots Nos. 36 to 48, inclusive, Block 156, Eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“ Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 26, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Referring to the letter of June 1, from your Secretary, I beg to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the south side of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, in front of Lots Nos. 36 to 48, inclusive, Block 156, Eighth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging, five feet in width, is \$415, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$7,500.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 10, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the south side of St. John's place, between Eighth avenue and Plaza street, known as Lot No. 1, Block 118, Ninth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of said lot.

"Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval."

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, June 26, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Complying with the request conveyed to me by a letter dated the 29th ultimo, from your Secretary, I would say that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the south side of St. John's place, between Eighth avenue and Plaza street, Borough of Brooklyn, in front of Lot No. 1, Block 118, Ninth Ward Map, with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, is \$110, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$2,500.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 10, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the north side of Twenty-first street, between Sixth avenue and Seventh avenue, known as Lot No. 19, Block 113, Twenty-second Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot.

"Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval."

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, January 17, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—Investigation having been made of complaint made by Mr. Thomas O'Connor, of No. 333 Twenty-first street, relative to the condition of the sidewalk on Twenty-first street, I beg to submit the estimated cost and the probable area of assessment involved in the flagging of the sidewalk on the north side of Twenty-first street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, in front of Lot No. 19, Block 113, Twenty-second Ward Map, with bluestone flagging, five feet in width, as follows : Estimated cost, \$27 ; assessed value of lot \$1,800.

Respectfully,

(Signed) THOS. R. FARRELL, Deputy Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 10, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Park place, between Classon avenue and Franklin avenue, known as Lots Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 16a, Block 50, Ninth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“ Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
May 10, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated 29th ultimo, from your Secretary, and to report that the estimated cost of fencing vacant lots on the south side of Park place, between Classon and Franklin avenues, known as Lots Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 16a, Block No. 50, Ninth Ward Map, Borough of Brooklyn, with a tight board fence, six feet in height, is \$48, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$2,400.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 11, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north side of Sixteenth street, between Prospect Park, West, and Tenth avenue, known as Lots Nos. 69, 65 and 64, Block 178, Twenty-second Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots.

“ Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements for its approval.”

Attached is copy of report from the Department of Highways.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
June 27, 1899.

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In answer to a letter dated June 21, from your Secretary, I beg to report that the estimated cost of flagging the sidewalk on the north side of Sixteenth street, between Prospect Park, West, and Tenth avenue, in front of Lots Nos. 69, 65 and 64, Block 178, Twenty-second Ward Map, with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, is \$85, while the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$2,120.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 10, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—I request that the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on June 28, providing for the sidewalk opposite the lots on the east side of Saratoga avenue, between Dean and Bergen streets, known as Lots Nos. 1 and 6, Block 224, Twenty-fourth Ward Map, be recalled and rescinded. The resolution is noticed in your minutes published in the CITY RECORD of Saturday, July 8, page 4246.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read and the matter was laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
NEW YORK, July 7, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit the estimated cost and the assessed valuation for constructing a sewer and appurtenances in Morris avenue (Fleetwood avenue), between East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and Tremont avenue, Borough of The Bronx :

Estimated cost is.....	\$4,260 00
Assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment is.....	49,000 00

Yours respectfully,

JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
NEW YORK, July 11, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of recent date, I beg leave to say, relative to the construction of sewer basins on the north side of Jamaica avenue, opposite Hemlock street ; north side of Jamaica avenue, opposite St. Nicholas avenue, and north side Jamaica avenue, opposite Rathbone street :

The estimated cost is	\$330 00
Assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment is	<u>140,000 00</u>

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following report from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, }
NEW YORK, July 10, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, Nos. 13 to 21 Park Row, City :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a communication from your office dated June 26, inclosing copy of a communication dated June 16, from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, relative to the laying of gas-mains in One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street, from Webster to Morris avenue, I beg to advise you that on May 2 last I signed an order to the Northern Union Gas Company for the erection and lighting of lamps on this street.

Very truly yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, July 19, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meetings of July 6 and 10, 1899, were approved.

The matter of the proposed widening of the roadway of Tremont avenue was brought up for consideration, in order that the Board might learn just what the property-owners in that locality desired.

After hearing William A. Cameron, John A. Grey, Mr. Golden, Mr. Saywood and others, the matter was laid over to give the opponents of the widening an opportunity to present their objections in writing.

The following papers were submitted in the matter and placed on file :

LEWIS S. MARX, No. 167 BROADWAY, }
NEW YORK, July 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—As representing the Ernst Marx-Nathan Company, which corporation is the owner of some 200 lots in the Borough of Bronx, I desire to go on record as being in favor of widening One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street (Tremont avenue) to 100 feet. The necessity of making this thoroughfare 100 feet in width at this time, when the improvements along the line of said avenue, between Third avenue and West Farms road, are so few, is apparent to any broad-spirited property-owner, considering the fact that it is the main artery of travel between the Sound and the Harlem river, and as such representative I withhold my indorsement from any other widening than one to make this 100 feet.

In conclusion, I indorse this, if for no other reason than an economic one, in view of the fact that the improvement which will eventually ensue will cost, even a year hence, double what the cost would be to-day.

I am, respectfully yours,

LEWIS S. MARX,

Attorney for ERNST MARX-NATHAN COMPANY.

To the Board of Public Improvements, Honorable MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President :

Your petitioners, the undersigned, owners of property on Tremont avenue (One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street) and contiguous streets in the Twenty-fourth Ward of The City of New York, in order to more fully and emphatically indorse the proposition to widen and thereby improve said One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Third avenue to West Farms road, now under consideration by your Honorable Board, offer the following reasons why this most important improvement should be affirmatively acted upon :

(a) That the early policy of our City Government in establishing broad avenues and streets in various sections of our city has proved a wise one, is evidenced by the fact that Fourteenth, Twenty-third, Thirty-fourth, Forty-second, One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets, being highways of extraordinary width, are among the most important of our great city.

(b) Broad avenues and streets naturally command the attention of the commercial interests, on account of their greater facilities for trade, and a concentration of business interests brings to a neighborhood a natural and warranted increase in the value of its realty.

(c) As an evidence of the value of realty on streets of extraordinary width, we command the attention of your Honorable Board to Wendover avenue. This important avenue, 100 feet in width and but four blocks in length, commands for its lots prices nearly 100 per cent. higher than are paid for lots similarly situated on Tremont avenue (and the only reason which can be ascribed for this great difference in values is that Tremont avenue is only seventy-five feet in width). Wendover avenue, although only recently opened by The City of New York, is under improvement along its entire length.

(d) Tremont avenue or One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, running east and west and connecting the Harlem river with the Long Island Sound, is the main business thoroughfare of this section and is destined to become the main artery of travel for the population east of the Bronx river. The present width of the street, 75 feet, will be absolutely inadequate for the accommodation and requirements of the great traffic and transportation which this section of our borough will demand, and action should now be taken to accomplish that which the near future demands.

(e) A most potent reason why this important improvement should be effected is that, on account of the topographical condition of the Twenty-fourth Ward, no other street has been projected in a straight line from the Harlem river to the Sound, and as One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street is laid out between the points named, logical conclusions demand that this highway be made to conform to the importance which it shall one day assume.

(f) By its action in recommending the narrowing of sidewalks, the Local Board has offered a suggestion unworthy of consideration by the present broad-minded administration of the Empire City. That Board, by such recommendation, has acknowledged the necessity for widening this thoroughfare.

(g) The Commissioner of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, under powers vested in him by chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890, favored the laying out of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street 100 feet in width.

Interested property-owners have acknowledged that a great mistake was made when the proposed width of 100 feet was not incorporated upon the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

We venture to predict that, before the completion of the widening of this most important thoroughfare of the Twenty-fourth Ward, building operations will have been begun to such an extent that Tremont avenue or One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street will present to the eye improvements far beyond the expectations of its most optimistic property-owners.

We therefore unite in an appeal to your Honorable Board for the favorable action that will

give us this most necessary and important improvement, and trust that the near-sighted individuals who are seeking to obstruct their own interests, will be taught an object lesson in municipal advancement.

We are, yours respectfully,

JOHN A. GRAY and others.

(Copy of resolutions adopted July 7, 1899.)

R. R. RANDALL, Secretary pro tem.

W. A. CAMERON, President.

Whereas, The question of rewidening Tremont avenue, from Bathgate avenue east to West Farms, at a width of one hundred feet instead of seventy-five feet, as at present, will be discussed before the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, on July 19, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., for action, as recommended by Chief Engineer Risse; and

Whereas, Our association and the Local Improvement Board of Bronx Borough disapproved of the scheme; and

Whereas, On April 20, 1899, all property-owners along the line (except a Mr. Levy) decidedly opposed the matter before the Local Improvement Board of Bronx Borough, because the avenue was now graded, curbed and flagged, and partly sewered and paved, and the expense would thereby be burdensome and unnecessary; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Tremont Taxpayers' Association of Bronx Borough, in mass meeting assembled, at Alliance Hall, Third avenue and One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, New York City, do hereby solemnly protest against the rewidening of Tremont avenue, from Bathgate avenue to West Farms; and be it further

Resolved, That we also protest against any interference with the principles of home rule in borough affairs; and it is further

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of twenty or more to appear before the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, at a hearing on July 19, at 2 P. M., and present a copy of these resolutions, and further oppose the rewidening of Tremont avenue as the may deem advisable to secure the aim of our association, viz.:

"JUSTICE TO TAXPAYERS."

Adopted July 7, 1899.

(Signed) TREMONT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION,

By WM. A. CAMERON, President,

R. R. RANDALL, Secretary pro tem.

Resolved, That, in lieu of the proposed rewidening of Tremont avenue, from Third avenue to West Farms, from seventy-five feet to a width of one hundred feet, we, the Tremont Taxpayers' Association recommend that the curbs be set back three and one-half feet on both sides, and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Board of Public Improvements.

(Signed) WM. A. CAMERON, President.

To the Honorable Board of Public Improvements:

GENTLEMEN—Representing my client, Mr. Christian P. Roos, the owner of the entire block of property facing the north side of Tremont avenue, between Crotona and Belmont avenues, I wish to urge the strenuous objections which exist to the widening of Tremont avenue at the present time.

After having endured for many years the unsettled state of this avenue, and the avenue having been but recently paved, graded and curbed, property-owners thereon who had long delayed their improvements awaiting such event, acted in accordance with the new conditions and proceeded to

construct buildings of a permanent and substantial nature on Tremont avenue, which, because of its central location and being the main artery of travel from east to west in the Borough of The Bronx, has become a business thoroughfare.

It having already assumed such character, the widening of the street at this time would cause no benefit whatever to accrue to the abutting owners. In fact, such change made in a business street would become a positive detriment, for it is well known that on the business thoroughfares of great width such as Fourteenth street, Twenty-third street, and the other streets in business sections of any great width) the business has been attracted to but one side of the street, to the detriment of the other. Therefore, in the case of Tremont avenue, we face the same proposition.

By making this a street of one hundred feet in width, you would repeat the experience of the streets referred to in the downtown section. It must be borne in mind that Tremont avenue is the great artery of travel leading from the immense territory east of the Bronx and the City of Mount Vernon to Third avenue, on to the Borough of Manhattan. It is not to be confounded with a boulevard or driveway. It has already assumed the character of a business thoroughfare.

Therefore, to again impose upon the owners of property on this avenue the burden of an assessment, in view of all that they have endured by way of assessment, excavated streets and the incidental hardship of such improvement, at this time, upon the eve of their enjoyment of the long-deferred benefits, for an improvement which will not improve and for a benefit in which the property-owners will not share, such assessment would be inequitable and unjust, and the so-called improvement is against the unanimous sense of the property-owners of that section, as shown by the resolution of their Local Board, which rejected the proposed plan of widening.

The grade and curb-line of this avenue having been already established, physically put into effect, and the assessment therefor having been levied, to disturb the existing lines of the street (which are sufficient in width for all purposes) by the levy of another assessment which would follow the adoption of this proposed improvement, would be placing an unnecessary burden and hardship upon property which has already contributed generously to public improvement.

Wherefore, it is respectfully urged upon your Honorable Body that, in view of the foregoing reasons, the unanimous disapproval of those who are most interested and who will be most affected thereby, as expressed by the action of the Local Board for the Twenty-first District rejecting such plan, the injustice of levying an additional assessment for an improvement which has already been assessed to its full value for a change in street lines which would be of no benefit but a detriment, your action, disapproving of such project and finally settling the rights of property-owners on Tremont avenue, is confidently awaited.

Respectfully,

W. RUSSELL OSBORN, Attorney for C. P. Roos.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :

DEAR SIR—As I expect to be out of town on July 19, when the hearing in the matter pertaining to the proposed widening of Tremont avenue (from Bathgate avenue to Bronx river) comes up for a hearing before your Board, I desire, as a property-owner and taxpayer on that thoroughfare, to file with you my most earnest protest against any such contemplated widening other than such as was recommended by the property-owners, referred to, accepted and passed by the Local Board of the Borough of The Bronx. Relative to the narrowing of the sidewalks (3½) three and one-half feet on either side, thus giving the roadway seven feet more, and which in my estimation is abundantly ample for any traffic it may be required to accommodate. I desire also to call to your attention that at the hearing of the Local Board on April 20, out of the 200 people interested present, only one individual favored it; the others strongly opposed it, as the minutes of the Local Board will no doubt prove.

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Asking your Honorable Board to take in consideration the will of the majority of the property-owners interested, and not to grant this contemplated widening,

I remain, very respectfully yours,

MARTIN WALTER, No. 735 Tremont avenue, New York City.

HUNTER, GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK, {
July 10, 1899. }

M. J. HOLAHAN, *President Board of Public Improvements, New York City:*

DEAR SIR—Only recently before leaving town I attended a meeting of the Local Board, Bronx Borough, at a hearing in reference to the proposed widening of Tremont avenue, from Bathgate avenue to Bronx river. At that hearing I failed to find but one individual who was in favor of the widening, all the others (and the room was packed as well as were the halls) every one of whom protested against the widening. The result of the meeting, as I learned at that time, upon a vote of the Board, was that they agreed with those interested, and disapproved the widening. This, I thought, would end the matter, when, to my astonishment, news reached me at Greene County that it was now coming up for a hearing at the Board of Public Improvements of July 19, after having been disapproved by the Local Board and by the people. Not being able to attend the hearing on July 19, I hereby send you my most emphatic protest against such contemplated widening on the grounds of the enormous expense it will entail and the unsettled and disturbed condition of affairs it will make, and on the grounds that it is entirely unnecessary and uncalled for.

Very truly yours,

JACOB F. PAULSEN, No. 704 Tremont Avenue, N. Y.

JOHN P. GARNISS,
NOS. 1888 AND 1890 WASHINGTON AVENUE, {
New York, July 10, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City:*

I attended a meeting of the Local Board of the Borough of The Bronx some time ago, when the matter of widening Tremont avenue was brought before them, and a hearing had by the property-owners. At that time the widening was most strongly opposed. In fact, I know of only one man in favor of it, and I supposed that the matter was finally settled not to widen it. I am very much surprised to learn the matter is to be brought up again before your Board on the 19th of this month; therefore I wish to file my most earnest protest against the widening of said avenue; and I sincerely hope that you will consider the wishes and feelings of the property-owners and not grant the contemplated widening.

I am, yours very respectfully,

JOHN P. GARNISS.

TREMONT, N. Y., July 17, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City:*

DEAR SIR—Not being certain as to whether I can be at the hearing pertaining to the proposed widening of Tremont avenue to 100 feet, from Bathgate avenue to Bronx river, to come up before your Honorable Board on July 19, I desire herewith to state my most decided objections thereto, and in fact so declared myself at a recent meeting at a hearing at the Local Board in the Municipal Building, Borough of The Bronx, when that body also disapproved of the proposed widening, and so declared themselves in an official ballot. Thus I, as a citizen and taxpayer and owner of 175 feet on Tremont avenue, was of the opinion, as were hundreds of others that were at

the meeting, that it was settled forever, when to my astonishment, I find it again presented to your Honorable Board for re-consideration, after having been totally and absolutely disapproved by the people directly interested. I therefore desire this disapproval of said proposed widening of Tremont avenue to be submitted at that hearing.

Very respectfully,

FRANK RAMSTECK.

In the matter of the proposed laying out and extending East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Cypress avenue to Southern Boulevard, and from Locust avenue to the East river, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing as provided by law.

No one appearing in opposition, the following resolution was adopted, and the accompanying form of ordinance approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 21st day of June, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Cypress avenue to Southern Boulevard and from Locust avenue to the East river, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P.M., at which such proposed laying out and extending would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out and extending would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 19th day of July, 1899; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 19th day of July, 1899; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out and extending who have appeared, and such proposed laying out and extending was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Cypress avenue to Southern Boulevard and from Locust avenue to the East river, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid street as follows.

(1.) East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, extending from Cypress avenue to the Southern Boulevard.

Beginning at a point in the western line of Cypress avenue, distant 210 feet northerly from the intersection of said line with the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Cypress avenue for 60 feet ;

2d. Thence westerly and parallel to East One Hundred and Thirty-second street for 375 feet ;

3d. Thence northerly and parallel to Cypress avenue for 25.56 feet to the southern line of Southern Boulevard ;

4th. Thence westerly along said line, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 1,482.90 feet radius for 361.93 feet ;

5th. Thence easterly and parallel to East One Hundred and Thirty-second street for 725.64 feet to the point of beginning.

(2.) East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, extending from Locust avenue to the East river.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Locust avenue, distant 212.96 feet northerly from the intersection of said line with the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

1st. Thence northerly along the Eastern line of Locust avenue for 60 feet ;

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 446.14 feet to the bulkhead-line of the East river ;

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 91 degrees 5 minutes 15 seconds to the right for 60.01 feet along the bulkhead-line of the East river ;

4th. Thence westerly for 445 feet to the point of beginning.

East One Hundred and Thirty-third street to be 60 feet wide.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, adopted by this Board, together with a statement for its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, from Cypress avenue to Southern Boulevard, and from Locust avenue to the East river, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid street as follows :

(1) East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, extending from Cypress avenue to Southern Boulevard.

Beginning at a point in the western line of Cypress avenue distant 210 feet northerly from the intersection of said line with the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street ;

1. Thence northerly along the western line of Cypress avenue for 60 feet ;
2. Thence westerly and parallel to East One Hundred and Thirty-second street for 375 feet ;
3. Thence northerly and parallel to Cypress avenue for 25.56 feet to the southern line of Southern Boulevard ;
4. Thence westerly along said line, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 1,482.90 feet radius for 361.93 feet ;
5. Thence easterly and parallel to East One Hundred and Thirty-second street for 725.64 feet to the point of beginning.

(2) East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, extending from Locust avenue to the East river.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Locust avenue distant 212.96 feet northerly from the intersection of said line with the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street ;

1. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Locust avenue for 60 feet ;
2. Thence easterly, deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 446.14 feet to the bulkhead line of the East river ;
3. Thence southerly, deflecting 91 degrees 5 minutes 15 seconds to the right for 60.01 feet along the bulkhead-line of the East river ;
4. Thence westerly for 445 feet to the point of beginning .

East One Hundred and Thirty-third street to be 60 feet wide.

The following opinion from the Corporation Counsel was read :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, July 14, 1899.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Esq., *Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements*, No. 21 Park Row,
Borough of Manhattan, N. Y. :

DEAR SIR—I have received your communication of June 27, 1899, in reference to the request of certain property owners that the City alter and amend section 6 of the Final Maps, by including in the width of Cauldwell avenue, between Cedar place and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, that portion of Avenue B between the westerly line of said Avenue B and the westerly line of Cauldwell avenue, and in which you request me to advise you whether or not the title to the 30-foot strip proposed to be included is in the City or not.

From an examination of the deeds and other enclosures which you submit to me, I am of the opinion that the City has no title to, or interest in, that portion of Avenue B proposed to be included in Cauldwell avenue.

The public right of way in Avenue B was undoubtedly abandoned after the acquisition of title to Cauldwell avenue and the regulating and grading thereof, and the filing of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards. The abutting owners on Avenue B cer-

tainly have easements of light, air and access over the strip in question, unless they have been extinguished by the operation of chapter 1006 of the Laws of 1895.

All the enclosures are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

THEODORE CONNOLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

Enclosures :

Notice from Louis Haffen,
Objections of William H. Ebling,
Deed—Guggenheimer to Moebus,
Deed—Garvin to Garvin,
Deed—Maerle to Geiszler,
Letter from N. B. Lawton,
Protest from Moses Weinman, and
Letter from Louis Haffen.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 21st day of September, 1898, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by the widening of Cauldwell avenue, between East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street (Cedar place) and East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board at No. 346 Broadway, on the 5th day of October, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed widening would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed widening would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD, for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 5th day of October, 1898 ;

And Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice, a copy of which is thereto annexed, have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 5th day of October, 1898 ;

And Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed widening who have appeared, and such proposed widening was duly considered by this Board, as well as on the 21st of October, 1898, and on the 19th of July, 1899 ; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by the widening of Cauldwell avenue, between East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street (Cedar place), and East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to widen the aforesaid avenue as follows :

1. Beginning at a point at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street (formerly Cedar place) with the western line of Cauldwell avenue ;
2. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street for 30 feet ;

3. Thence northerly and parallel to the western line of Cauldwell avenue for 650 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street ;

4. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street for 30 feet to the western line of Cauldwell avenue ;

5. Thence southerly along the western line of Cauldwell avenue for 650 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by the widening of Cauldwell avenue, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by the widening of Cauldwell avenue, between East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street (Cedar place) and East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to widen the aforesaid avenue, as follows :

1. Beginning at a point at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street (formerly Cedar place) with the western line of Cauldwell avenue ;

2. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street for 30 feet ;

3. Thence northerly and parallel to the western line of Cauldwell avenue for 650 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street ;

4. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street for 30 feet to the western line of Cauldwell avenue ;

5. Thence southerly along the western line of Cauldwell avenue for 650 feet to the point of beginning.

In the matter of the proposed laying out of a new street between East One Hundred and Sixty-third and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets, from Prospect to Stebbins avenue, in the

Borough of The Bronx, to be known as East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, the report of the Secretary was read showing that the matter had been duly advertised for hearing as required by law.

After hearing Mr. Edward A. Acker, representing property owners in the neighborhood, the matter was laid over for one week.

In the matter of the proposed laying out and extending Pennsylvania avenue, between Riverdale avenue and Wortman avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, the report of the Secretary was read showing that the matter had been duly advertised for hearing as required by law.

No one appearing in opposition to the proposed laying out and extension, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, at a meeting of this Board, held on the 21st day of June, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending Pennsylvania avenue, between Riverdale avenue and Wortman avenue, in the Twenty-sixth Ward, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which meeting such proposed laying out and extending would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out and extending would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers, for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 19th day of July, 1899.

And Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD, and of the publishers of the corporation newspapers, that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 19th day of July, 1899.

And Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out and extending who have appeared, and such proposed laying out and extending was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Pennsylvania avenue, between Riverdale avenue and Wortman avenue, in the Twenty-sixth Ward, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid avenue as follows :

The easterly side of Pennsylvania avenue, beginning at a point in the northern line of Wortman avenue, distant 190 feet westerly from the western side of New Jersey avenue, as the same is laid down on the map of the Town of New Lots, filed in the office of the Register of Kings County in 1874 ; running thence northerly and parallel with New Jersey avenue and distant 190 feet from it across New Lots road to the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue as laid out.

The westerly side of Pennsylvania avenue, beginning at a point in the northern line of Wortman avenue distant 190 feet easterly of the eastern line of Sheffield avenue, as the same is laid

down on the map of the Town of New Lots, etc. ; thence northerly and parallel with Sheffield avenue and distant 190 feet from it to a point 600 feet northerly of the northern line of Hegeman avenue ; thence northwesterly to a point in the southern line of New Lots road, 150 feet easterly of the eastern line of Sheffield avenue.

Pennsylvania avenue to be 80 feet in width.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending Pennsylvania avenue, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Pennsylvania avenue, between Riverdale avenue and Wortman avenue, in the Twenty-sixth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid avenue as follows :

The easterly side of Pennsylvania avenue, beginning at a point in the northern line of Wortman avenue, distant 190 feet westerly from the western side of New Jersey avenue, as the same is laid down on the map of the Town of New Lots, filed in the office of the Register of Kings County in 1874 ; running thence northerly and parallel with New Jersey avenue, and distant 190 feet from it across New Lots road to the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue as laid out.

The westerly side of Pennsylvania avenue, beginning at a point in the northern line of Wortman avenue, distant 190 feet easterly of the eastern line of Sheffield avenue, as the same is laid down on the map of the Town of New Lots, etc. ; thence northerly and parallel with Sheffield avenue, and distant 190 feet from it to a point 600 feet northerly of the northern line of Hegeman avenue ; thence northwesterly to a point in the southern line of New Lots road, 150 feet easterly of the eastern line of Sheffield avenue.

Pennsylvania avenue to be 80 feet in width.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 14, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, a petition from Truman H. Baldwin, attorney for Alexander G. Black, Caroline C. Shirley, Abram S. Hewitt, Edward Cooper, Anthony Pechs, John H. Burton, Helen K. Wright, Albert Tag, William Nelson, Clara L. Poillon, Ellen Bannister, Florence Wilkins, John Cromwell, Charles Van Riper, James M. La Coste, George W. McAdam, Henry McAllenan, Frederick A. Snow, Messrs. Willson, Adama & Co. and Emily Macdonald, and a petition from McCarty & Baldwin, attorneys for the estate of Eleanor Hunt, petitioning that a resolution of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of September 14, 1894, directing that the entire cost of the widening of Mott avenue be assessed locally, be modified, and that only one-fourth the cost be locally assessed, I have to report as follows :

The proceedings for acquiring title to Mott avenue in the Twenty-third Ward, Borough of The Bronx, extend from Railroad avenue, East, now Park avenue, to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and cover for the most part an existing road for which no special proceeding for opening was taken prior to the present one.

The said Mott avenue, from East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, is an old-established road and is being widened in this proceeding to the width of 80 and 100 feet in order to constitute the said avenue an approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, which has its beginning at East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and extends for about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles northerly to Mosholu parkway. There is no other approach to said Concourse from the south connecting the same with any of the bridges south of Macomb's Dam Bridge, and is therefore the only approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse from the Madison Avenue Bridge and the Third Avenue Bridge.

In the case of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse and the other approaches thereto, only one-fourth of the cost thereof has been made a local charge, and three-fourths of the cost thereof has been made a charge upon The City of New York at large. The same provision was made by the Legislature under chapter 627 of the Laws of 1897, in the matter of widening of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from Elton avenue to Mott avenue at the Grand Boulevard and Concourse. This being considered an approach to the said concourse, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment were directed to assess 25 per cent. on the land benefited in the Twenty-third Ward and 75 per cent. on the city at large.

Mott avenue being widened, not for local benefit alone, but in order that it might become a suitable avenue for public pleasure, driving and recreation, and an approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, the petition of the property-owners that the cost be not locally assessed seems to be justified, and I recommend, therefore, that the Board of Public Improvements rescind the resolution of the Board of Street Opening and Improvements, passed on September 14, 1894, directing that the entire cost and expense of widening Mott avenue be assessed locally and adopt a new resolution assessing not less than one-half of the cost on the city at large.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Board will give a public hearing at the office of the Board on Wednesday, August 16, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the petition to reduce the assessment for the opening

and widening of Mott avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the Commissioners appointed for the said opening and widening are hereby requested to be present at such hearing.

The following communication was read and placed on file :

THOMAS S. BASSFORD,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW, }
No. 280 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, July 18, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of the opening of Mott avenue, from the New York and Harlem Railroad to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, the Commissioners have assessed against the abutting owners and a small outlying district the entire cost of the proceeding.

Mott avenue, as originally laid out, was of sufficient width for all the requirements of the abutting owners. It was changed to its present width on account of its being a direct means of communication to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

In all the street-opening proceedings that lead to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, the City at large bore seventy-five per cent. of the entire cost of the improvement. In the matter of opening Mott avenue no portion of the expense has been assessed against The City of New York, except that which is levied against Cedar Park.

I therefore respectfully request that your Board relieve the owners on Mott avenue as your predecessors did in former proceedings.

Yours very respectfully,

THOS. S. BASSFORD, Attorney for Henry Lewis Morris and others.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, July 11, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, and the many requests made by property-owners on the so-called Marble Hill, Borough of Manhattan, who desire that a direct approach be established from Kingsbridge avenue to Broadway, I transmit herewith a map or plan entitled, "Plan and Profile showing the extension of Van Corlear place, from Kingsbridge avenue to Broadway in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan," for the purpose of giving a public hearing in the matter.

There is no question that the hill where the most residences are located is almost inaccessible on account of the heavy grade, and the property-owners have erected steps from Broadway to Kingsbridge avenue, which points out where the most practicable place is. There is no technical difficulty to adopt this location, since it gives the easiest grades and suits the most demands.

I return the papers in the matter, and transmit a technical description of the same for public hearing.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending

Van Corlear place, from Kingsbridge avenue to Broadway, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Kingsbridge avenue distant 41.72 feet southeasterly of the intersection of the western line of Kingsbridge avenue with the southern line of Van Corlear place ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the western line of Kingsbridge avenue for 41.72 feet to the southern line of Van Corlear place ;

2d. Thence southwesterly along the southern line of Van Corlear place and curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 120 feet radius for 53.10 feet ;

3d. Thence northeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 19.3 feet ;

Thence easterly on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius curving to the right for 43.78 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Terrace View avenue distant 51.10 feet northwesterly from the intersection of the western line of Terrace View avenue with the western line of Broadway ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the western line of Terrace View avenue for 100 feet ;

2d. Thence southwesterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 200 feet to the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue ;

3d. Thence southwesterly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue for 60 feet to an angle point ;

4th. Thence southerly still along the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue for 60.95 feet ;

5th. Thence northeasterly for 245.98 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at the intersection of the eastern line of Terrace View avenue with the western line of Broadway ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the western line of Terrace View avenue for 98.91 feet ;

2d. Thence northeasterly, deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 113.71 feet, to the western line of Broadway ;

Thence southerly along said line for 150.71 feet to the point of beginning.

The grade on the west curb line of Terrace View avenue at Van Corlear place to be 24.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; the grade on east curb line of Terrace View avenue at Van Corlear place to be 23.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; the grade on Terrace View avenue, 100 feet northwest of Van Corlear place, to be 20 feet above mean high-water datum.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared, for submission to this Board, three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed laying-out of the above-named place and

the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares, or places, sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed laying-out and extending of the above-named place at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board, on the 16th day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed laying-out and extending of the above-named place will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 13, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring for report communication from Mr. Henry E. Murgatroyd, requesting a change of grade on Burnside avenue between Ryer and Valentine avenues, Borough of The Bronx, I transmit herewith a map entitled : “Map showing the change of location of grade in Burnside avenue, between Ryer avenue and Valentine avenue, restoring the same to the elevation according to which Burnside avenue is graded,” Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, for the purpose of giving a public hearing in the matter, and for adoption.

Burnside avenue was regulated and graded in accordance with the grades established by the Department of Public Parks in 1884. The Final Maps made under authority of chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890, changed the location of the change of grade at Valentine avenue 31.13 feet westerly and at Ryer avenue 35 feet westerly from the originally established place on account of the widening of Valentine avenue and the shifting of Ryer avenue. The avenue having been graded according to the grades of 1884, and buildings having been erected thereon, I believe it to be advisable to restore the former grades in order to avoid any claims for damages.

I return the papers in the matter and transmit a technical description for a public hearing.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Burnside avenue, between Valentine avenue and Ryer avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

Beginning at a point 31.13 feet easterly on the northern house-line of Burnside avenue from the northwest point of tangency at Valentine avenue and Burnside avenue, the elevation to be 48.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

Thence westerly along the centre line of Burnside avenue for 203 feet, the elevation to be 58.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared, for submission to this Board, three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, sufficient for the identification and location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue at a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 17, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of The Bronx, in relation to the proposed change of lines and grades in East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, between Jerome avenue and Tremont avenue, westerly of Jerome avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, I transmit herewith for adoption, and for the purpose of giving a public hearing, map or plan entitled, “ Plan and profile showing an alteration of Section 15 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards by changing the lines and grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Tremont avenue to Jerome avenue, and changing the grades of Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Tremont avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York. ”

East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, between Davidson avenue and Tremont avenue, as laid out on the Final Maps and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, is very steep and has a gradient of about 20.9 per hundred and is therefore impassable for general traffic. In order to make this street practicable for general use, I recommend that its lines between Davidson avenue and Tremont avenue be altered by giving it a greater length and obtaining thereby a lower gradient. This will affect the grades of Davidson avenue also, which will be no detriment to the same, because the land lying west of Davidson avenue rises very abruptly.

I return herewith the papers in the matter and transmit a technical description for change of lines and grades.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the lines and grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Tremont avenue to

Jerome avenue, and changing the grades of Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

Description for Change of Grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street and Davidson Avenue.

(a) East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street—

Beginning at the intersection of the west house line of Jerome avenue and the centre line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, the elevation to be 42.52 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to the northeast corner of Davidson avenue, the elevation to be 58.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to the northwest corner of Davidson avenue, the elevation to be 59.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to point of tangency of a curve whose radius is 23.67 feet, the elevation to be 68 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northerly along said curve to the point of tangency of reverse curve, the elevation to be 76 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly along the common radius of reverse curves for 30 feet, the elevation to be 77 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northerly on the west side of reverse curve to the point of tangency of compound curve, the elevation to be 87.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence easterly on the common radius of said compound curve for 30 feet, the elevation to be 86.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northwesterly on the east side of said compound curve to its intersection with Tremont avenue, the elevation to be 88 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence southerly along the eastern house line of Tremont avenue for 30± feet, the elevation to be 89.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to the southeast curb intersection of Tremont avenue, the elevation to be 90.2± feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore ;

Thence northerly to the northeast curb intersection of Tremont avenue, the elevation to be 88.9± feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore ;

(b) Davidson avenue—

Beginning at a point distant 200 feet northerly from the northeast curb intersection of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, the elevation to be 52.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northerly to the intersection of Tremont avenue, the elevation to be 56 ± feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

Technical description of the land required for East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, at Tremont avenue, in Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, distant 90.92 feet westerly of the intersection of said line with the western line of Davidson avenue, as they are laid down on section 15 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, filed in Register's office, New York City ;

1st. Thence northerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 23.67 feet and tangent to the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street for 45.53 feet to a point of reverse curve ;

2d. Thence northerly on the arc of a circle of 440 feet radius for 94.51 feet to a point of compound curve ;

3d. Thence northwesterly on the arc of a circle of 65.81 feet for 103.10 feet to the eastern line of Tremont avenue ;

4th. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Tremont avenue, following its windings for 103.28 feet to a point of reverse curve ;

5th. Thence southerly on the arc of a circle of 50 feet radius for 47.13 feet ;

6th. Thence southeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 55.47 feet ;

7th. Thence southeasterly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius and tangent to the preceding course for 21.60 feet to the point of beginning.

Also technical description of that portion of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, at Tremont avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, to be discontinued and closed.

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street distant 305 feet westerly of the intersection of said line with the western line of Jerome avenue as they are laid down on section 15 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, filed in Register's office, New York City ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, as laid down on said section 15, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 85 feet radius for 73.43 feet ;

2d. Thence northwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 29.11 feet ;

3d. Thence westerly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 15 feet radius and tangent to the preceding course for 29.62 feet to the eastern line of Tremont avenue ;

4th. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Tremont avenue as it winds, for 70.45 feet to the point of reverse curve ;

5th. Thence southeasterly on the arc of a circle of 83.67 feet radius for 160.94 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board, three similar maps or plans for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed change of lines and grades of the above-named streets, and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or estab-

lished public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, sufficient for the identification and location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change of lines and grades of the above-named streets at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board, on the 16th day of August, 1899, at two o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby that the proposed change of lines and grades of the above-named streets will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 11, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, after a hearing was given in the matter of construction of an approach to the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river on the south side of the Southern Boulevard to consult with the Commissioner of Bridges and to make a joint report on the subject more particularly regarding the advisability of taking the entire block south of the Southern Boulevard for the purposes, I have to state as follows :

The conception of acquiring the whole block bounded by the Southern Boulevard, Lincoln avenue, the Harlem river and Third avenue for public purposes is very commendable for various reasons. The Department of Highways and the Department of Sewers and the Department of Water Supply are in need of public grounds where materials for use in the Borough of The Bronx can be brought to and stored. This could be done by renting certain dock properties, but it will certainly be found more expedient if the City would own such public ground, which could at the present time be bought at a moderate rate. The approach to the Third Avenue Bridge from the Southern Boulevard will take about 60 feet alongside of the Southern Boulevard, and the street which will have to be laid out along this approach to give access to the adjoining property will take another 60 feet, and will leave the remainder of the block in such a condition that the owner will probably demand a price or amount almost equal to the value of the block.

I recommend, therefore, that the suggestion to acquire title to the block bounded by Southern Boulevard, Lincoln avenue, the Harlem river and Third avenue be approved.

The necessity of constructing an approach to the Third Avenue Bridge from the Southern Boulevard is obvious, and was reported on favorably in my report of April 4, 1899, and in relation to the location of the approach, I wish to state that the suggestion of the Engineer of the Third Avenue Bridge not to disturb the existing steps leading up to the bridge is a good one, and that the proposition of the Engineer of the Third avenue be approved.

I return the papers in the matter, and transmit herewith a technical description for the purpose of giving a public hearing.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest

so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and locating an approach to the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, south of the Southern Boulevard, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the southern line of the Southern Boulevard with the western line of Lincoln avenue, running thence southwesterly for 475.2 feet to the bulkhead line of the Harlem river ; thence northwesterly along the bulkhead line of the Harlem river for 544.53 feet to Third avenue ; thence northeasterly along Third avenue for 292.94 feet to the Southern Boulevard ; thence southeasterly along the Southern Boulevard for 333.15 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed approach to the above-named bridge and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed laying out and locating an approach to the above-named bridge at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board, on the 16th day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed laying out and locating an approach to the above-named bridge will be considered at a meeting of this board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899.

In accordance with recommendations of the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, submitted by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn at the meeting held on the 12th instant, the following resolutions were adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Fifty-third street, from old City line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Fifty-third street, from old City line to West street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Fifty-third street, from old City line to West street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to

do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Fifty-third street, from old City line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Seventy-seventh street, from Shore road to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Seventy-seventh street, from Shore road to Seventh avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Seventy-seventh street, from Shore road to Seventh avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Seventy-seventh street, from Shore road to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Battery avenue, from One Hundred and Seventh street to Eighty-sixth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Battery avenue, from One Hundred and Seventh street to Eighty-sixth street.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Battery avenue, from One Hundred and Seventh street to Eighty-sixth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Battery avenue, from One Hundred and Seventh street to Eighty-sixth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Twentieth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Gravesend bay, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Twentieth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Gravesend bay.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to

such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Twentieth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Gravesend bay, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Twentieth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Gravesend bay, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Seventeenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Bath avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Seventeenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Bath avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Seventeenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Bath avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Seventeenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Bath avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Sixteenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Eighty-fourth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Sixteenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Eighty-fourth street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Sixteenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Eighty-fourth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Sixteenth avenue, from Flatbush line to Eighty-fourth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Fourteenth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Cropsey avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Fourteenth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Cropsey avenue.

Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Fourteenth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Cropsey avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Fourteenth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Cropsey avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Benson avenue, from Fourteenth avenue to Fifteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Benson avenue, from Fourteenth avenue to Fifteenth avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Benson avenue, from Fourteenth avenue to Fifteenth avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Benson avenue, from Fourteenth avenue to Fifteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Seventy-third street, from Thirteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Seventy-third street, from Thirteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Seventy-third street, from Thirteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue, so required shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Seventy-third street, from Thirteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Seventieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Twenty-second avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Seventieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Twenty-second avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Seventieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Twenty-second avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Seventieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Twenty-second avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Forty-fifth street, from Old City line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Forty-fifth street, from old city line to West street.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Forty-fifth street, from old city line to West street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Forty-fifth street, from old city line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of such proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Forty-fourth street, from old city line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Forty-fourth street, from old city line to West street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Forty-fourth street, from old city line to West street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Forty-fourth street, from old city line to West street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Eightieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Eightieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in pro-

ceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Eightieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Eightieth street, from Fourteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Sixty-second street, between Second avenue and Third avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Sixty-second street, between Second Avenue and Third Avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Sixty-second street, between Second avenue and Third avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Sixty-second street, between Second avenue and Third avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
JULY 18, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, recommending the legal opening of Lathrop street or Third avenue, from Newtown avenue to Broadway, said borough, I have to state that Lathrop street or Third avenue, from Newtown avenue to Broadway, is shown on the map of the Long Island City filed in the Register's office, April 25, 1873.

There being no legal obstacles against acquiring the title to the same, I recommend that proceedings be initiated for its opening.

There are no buildings within the lines.

The letter in the matter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Lathrop street or Third avenue, from Newtown avenue to Broadway, in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Lathrop street or Third avenue, from Newtown avenue to Broadway.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court, in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Lathrop street or Third avenue, from Newton avenue to Broadway, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Lathrop street or Third avenue, from Newtown avenue to Broadway, in the Borough of Queens, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 13, 1899. }

Col. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements, City of New York :*

Dear Sir—I find that in a letter addressed to you by the President of the Borough under date of July 6, inclosing resolution of the Local Board, providing for the opening of Tenth avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Fifty-third streets, an error was made in that the resolution should have provided for the opening of Tenth avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Fifty-third streets and between Fort Hamilton and Seventh avenues, in accordance with the suggestion of the Chief Topographical Engineer made to you under date of June 1 (see minutes Board of Public Improvements of June 7, 1899, page 1172).

The resolution should read as follows :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Tenth avenue, between Thirty-eighth and Fifty-third streets, and between Fort Hamilton and Seventh avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

Will you kindly have it corrected before action is taken by the Board of Public Improvements?

Respectfully,

J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted, rescinding resolution adopted April 12, 1899 :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 12th day of April, 1899, for the opening of Tenth avenue, between Thirty-eighth street and Eighty-seventh street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following amended resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1879, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Tenth avenue, from Thirty-eighth street to Fifty-third street, and from Fort Hamilton avenue to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed and specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Tenth avenue, from Thirty-eighth street to Fifty third street, and from Fort Hamilton avenue to Seventh avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Tenth avenue, from Thirty-eighth street to Fifty-third street, and from Fort Hamilton avenue to Seventh avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby request the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Tenth avenue, from Thirty-eighth street to Fifty-third street, and from Fort Hamilton avenue to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioners of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following reports from the Chief Topographical Engineer were read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
NEW YORK, July 18, 1899. }

MR. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, a communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, recommending the legal opening of Pierce avenue, from Jackson avenue to East river, First Ward, Borough of Queens, I have to state that Pierce avenue is shown on the map of Long Island City, filed April 23, 1873, but that the plan in preparation showing the modification of this map widens Pierce avenue from Vernon avenue to the East river, and I recommend, therefore, that no action be taken until this modified plan has been adopted and filed.

The papers in the matter are herein returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 18, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, a communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, transmitting a resolution of the Local Board recommending the legal opening of Winthrop avenue, from the Boulevard to the old Bowery Bay road, I have to state that Winthrop avenue is laid out on the map of Long Island City, and that a modified plan of the First Ward of the Borough of Queens, Long Island City, is in preparation, which widens Winthrop avenue to 100 feet from Debevoise avenue to the Old Bowery Bay road, and I recommend, therefore, that no action be taken in this matter until said modified plan has been adopted and filed.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, July 15, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the inclosed letter, dated the 21st ultimo, from Mr. A. H. Morris, relative to extending Morris Park avenue through to Mount Vernon, I have to state that an order has been given to expedite this work as speedily as possible.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements*, No. 21 Park row, New York City :

DEAR SIR—We respectfully ask that the grades and direction of the continuation of Morris Park avenue through to Mount Vernon be established at an early date, as this avenue opens up a large territory, and it is important for property-owners to know just where the street will be. We also ask that the grades and direction of the diagonal street, from Westchester Station to Bronx Park, be established as soon as possible for the same reason.

Very respectfully yours,

A. H. MORRIS.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 13, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—I transmit herewith map or plan entitled "Plan and Profile showing the widening, extending and the grades of Morris Park avenue, from West Farms road to Morris Park race track, Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, prepared under authority of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897," dated New York, July 12, 1899, with the recommendation that the same be approved and ordered to be filed.

The original map showing the design of the street system in that Borough of The Bronx, east of the Bronx river, was adopted by the Board of Public Improvements August 31, 1898, and does not show any dimensions or grades.

The submitted plan and profile of Morris Park avenue was prepared with a view to render more definite the originally adopted map.

Respectfully,

(Signed) LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, The President of this Board has prepared, completed and submitted to this Board for its concurrence and approval a map or plan with profile of the final maps and profiles of that portion of the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, lying east of the Bronx river, showing the widening, extending and the grades of Morris Park avenue, from West Farms road to Morris Park race-track, being in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the said Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, located and laid out by the said President of this Board, in pursuance of section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Resolved, That this Board does hereby give its consent and approval to the said map or plan with profile of the said final maps and profiles of the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, prepared by the President of this Board, under authority of section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, dated New York, July 12, 1899, and signed Louis A. Risse, Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse, which said map with profile is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and he is hereby designated and directed, in pursuance of the provisions of said section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, to cause three similar sets of said map or plan, with profile of the said final maps and profiles of the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, to be certified by him and by the Secretary of this Board, and to be filed in the manner now prescribed by law, one set so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one in the office of the Corporation Counsel and one in the office of this Board.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communications from the Corporation Counsel were read and placed on file :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, July 17, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have received your communication of June 15, 1899, in which you call my attention to the fact that in the proceeding to open Ogden avenue, from Jerome avenue to Washington Bridge, and in the proceeding to open West One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Morningside avenue to Riverside avenue, interest on the awards for damage was included in the assessment for benefit, and that the amount of such interest indicates to the members of your Board that these proceedings have been unduly prolonged.

I am glad that you have called my attention to this matter, because the question of interest on awards has been a source of considerable embarrassment to this Department.

Out of an aggregate of 315 street-opening proceedings now pending in the Bureau of Street Openings, title has vested or will vest in 268 proceedings at a fixed or specified time, under the provisions of chapter 660 of the Laws of 1893.

It was never contemplated that advantage would be taken of this act to cause title to be acquired in so many proceedings at one time, and it is not practicable to provide a sufficient number of skilled employees to cope with the amount of work entailed by these proceedings within any given period of time.

The acquisition of title on the filing of the oaths of Commissioners, or six months thereafter, make it extremely difficult in the trial of the numerous cases involved in these proceedings to fix the value of the property taken as of a date prior to the actual trial of the cases involved, and prior to the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.

It is almost impossible to exclude from the consideration of the Commissioners sales of property occurring after title has been acquired, which often reflect the benefit received from such acquisition.

I must also call your attention to the fact that it was not until January, 1899, that the Court of Appeals decided, after the question had been certified to it by the Appellate Division, that the fees of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in pending street-opening proceedings were governed by the Charter and not by the Consolidation Act or its amendment.

As no report in these proceedings can be made up until after the fees of the Commissioners and their expenses have been fixed and included in the assessment for benefit, it follows that all reports were tied up until after such decision was rendered.

Then arose the question whether the interest on awards, as well as the question as to whether the limitation provided by the Consolidation Act or the limitation provided by the Charter upon the power of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment that no assessment should exceed one-half of the value of the property benefited, applied to pending proceedings.

These questions were presented to the Appellate Division in April last, in the matter of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, and that matter has been recently decided on other grounds. The Court stated, in its opinion, that these questions would be left open until a case was presented to it which brought them up squarely.

Several reports have been presented to the Special Term this month which involve these questions and no others, with the hope that they may be brought before the Appellate Division as soon as possible.

If these questions had been clearly provided for by Charter Commissioners no such delay would have occurred as the members of your Board refer to.

Very respectfully,

THEODORE CONNOLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, July 17, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I send you herewith copy of an opinion I have sent to the Comptroller in regard to the validity of the three contracts of the Jamaica Water Supply Company with the Town Board of Jamaica, each of said contracts being dated December 30, 1897. Also in regard to the contract dated November 30, 1898, between same company and The City of New York.

Yours respectfully,

THEODORE CONNOLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

(Copy.)

JULY 17, 1899.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

SIR—Your communication dated May 1, 1899, is received. It reads as follows :

“In the matter of certain contracts, namely :

1st. Jamaica Water Supply Company, party of the first part, and Town Board of Jamaica, acting for the Town, party of the second part, dated December 30, 1897, for supplying water to hydrants in the district known as the Jamaica Township Water Supply District.

2d. Same Company with same Town Board, dated December 30, 1897, for supplying water to hydrants in the district known as the Hollis Water Supply District.

3d. Same Company with same Town Board, dated December 30, 1897, for supplying water to hydrants in the district known as the Queens Water Supply District.

4th. City of New York and the Jamaica Water Supply Company, dated November 30, 1898, modifying and supplementing said three contracts above mentioned.

I desire to call your attention to a report made to me by the Expert Accountants employed by this Department concerning the facts and circumstances connected with the making of said contracts and to certain questions in said report as to the validity, force and effect of said contracts.

I respectfully present said report for your consideration and advice upon the questions therein presented ”

The inclosures therein named are as follows :

Two contracts dated June 8, 1894, Jamaica Township Water Company and Town of Jamaica.

“Contract dated December 30, 1897, Jamaica Water Supply Company and Town of Jamaica (Hollis District).

Contract dated December 30, 1897, Jamaica Water Supply Company and Town of Jamaica (Queens District).

Contract dated December 30, 1897, Jamaica Water Supply Company and Town of Jamaica (District not named, but known as Jamaica Township Water Supply District).

Contract dated November 30, 1898, City of New York and Jamaica Water Supply Company.

Certificate of Boundaries (Jamaica Township, Water Supply District).

Certificate of Boundaries (Hollis Water Supply District).

Certificate of Boundaries (Queens Water Supply District).

Report of Expert Accountants.”

The very full and ably prepared report of Mr. Robert H. Weems, referred to in your communication, is dated April 19, 1899, and is as follows :

“In the matter of certain contracts, viz. :

“1st. Jamaica Water Supply Company, party of the first part, and Town Board of Jamaica, acting for the Town, party of the second part, dated December 30, 1897, for supplying water to hydrants in the district known as the Jamaica Township Water Supply District.

“2d. Same Company with same Town Board, dated December 30, 1897, for supplying water to hydrants in the district known as the Hollis Water Supply District.

“3d. Same Company with same Town Board, dated December 30, 1897, for supplying water to hydrants in the District known as the Queens Water Supply District.

"4th. City of New York and the Jamaica Water Supply Company, dated November 30, 1898, modifying and supplementing said three contracts above mentioned.

"I respectfully report as follows :

"Contract No. 1 provides as follows :

"That said party of the first part hereby covenants and agrees that in that certain portion or part of the Town of Jamaica, specifically described in its written application for a contract to the authorities of the Town of Jamaica, and which application for the purpose of fixing said territory, and for said purpose only, is annexed hereto ; it will furnish to said territory and to the inhabitants thereof, a clean, pure and wholesome supply of water, both for domestic uses and the extinguishment of fire, said water to be supplied through mains, pipes and hydrants as heretofore laid and established, and the mains, pipes and hydrants which it is yet to lay and establish ; the water in hydrants to be used for fire purposes and for testing of fire apparatus, and practice and exhibition of firemen in said district.

"The party of the first part also agrees to further extend their pipes and mains, and erect fire-hydrants thereon, as required by the party of the second part, and hydrants to average fifteen to the mile and to be as far as practicable within three hundred and seventeen feet of each other on the lines of said extension ' ; also that

"All hydrants to be computed at the rate of \$20 each per annum, for revenue, and to be payable to the party of the first part in semi-annual payments on the first days of April and October in each year ; compensation for the hydrants now erected and ready for use to commence on the first day of October, 1897, and compensation for all additional hydrants to be erected under this contract shall commence when the same are set and the water turned on, due notice of which, in writing, shall be given the party of the second part by the party of the first part.

"And it is further covenanted and agreed that all lands used exclusively for agricultural purposes, and when not laid out in lots, shall be exempt from the payment of said tax, but when so laid out they shall be taxed the same as other property. Nothing, however, in this contract shall compel the party of the first part to lay their pipes or mains through streets or highways where the adjacent land is occupied wholly or principally for agricultural purposes, and which is not subject to tax under this agreement."

"The term of the contract is for five years, from December 30, 1897. It appears from an examination of the minutes of a meeting of said Town Board, held on December 30, 1897, that said contract was approved and the execution thereof authorized.

"It further appears that a certificate of the boundaries of the said Water Supply District was also signed by the Supervisor and Town Clerk, and filed in the office of said Town Clerk on the same day, December 30, 1897.

"It also appears that said district was not a new district, but had been established at the date of a prior contract entered into between the Jamaica Township Water Company on June 8, 1894, and the Town of Jamaica, providing for a supply of water to said district and to the hydrants erected and to be erected therein. Said contract also provides that,

"The party of the first part also agrees to further extend their pipes and mains, and erect fire hydrants thereon, said extensions not to be less than one mile nor more than two miles in each year during the term of this contract, as required by the party of the second part, and hydrants to average ten to the mile, and to be, as far as practicable, within five hundred feet of each other on the line of said extension."

"The hydrant rental fixed in said contract is at the rate of \$20 each per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year.

"Furthermore, said contract provides :

"And in the event of the income from the taxable property liable to be taxed under this con-

tract, and under the authority of the law aforesaid, at the legal rate, being insufficient to meet the amount of the revenue so contemplated, then the party of the first part hereby agrees to accept the amount raised for that year as full compensation for that year, and to release the Town from any and all claims for any deficiency, the understanding being that in the event of the tax not being paid by any of the owners that said party of the first part will rely wholly upon obtaining the same from the County Treasurer of the County, when it is collected by said Treasurer. But nothing in this agreement shall in any way be construed as in any way releasing any of the property within the said district subject to such tax, until the same shall have been fully paid.'

"There is also a provision as to exemption of agricultural districts similar to that in the contract of December 30, 1897. The term of the contract is for five years from May 1, 1894.

"It will be noted that the contract of December 30, 1897, was entered into prior to the expiration of said contract of June 8, 1894, which would not expire until May 1, 1899, or one year and four months subsequent to the making of said contract of December 30, 1897.

"It further appears that the contract of June 8, 1894, was made with the Jamaica Township Water Company, and the contract of December 30, 1897 with the Jamaica Water Supply Company, but in an "action brought by the Jamaica Water Supply Company against The City of New York in 1898 to recover for hydrant rentals to April 1, 1898, under two contracts, including the contract of June 8, 1894, it was alleged that said Jamaica Water Supply Company had become the owner of said contract by assignment from the Jamaica Township Water Company.

"A judgment having been rendered in favor of said Jamaica Water Supply Company, and having been paid by The City of New York, the right of said last named company to receive payment for rentals under the contract of June 8, 1894, would seem to have been established.

"Furthermore, said right would seem to have been further confirmed by a subsequent judgment obtained by said company on March 15, 1899, for rentals due from April 1 to October 1, 1898.

"It will also be seen that while the contract of June 8, 1894, provides for the erection and supply of an average of ten hydrants per mile upon extension of mains, etc., the contract of December 30, 1897, increases such average to fifteen per mile.

"The said Jamaica Township Water Company and the Jamaica Water Supply Company seem to have been duly incorporated in accordance with law and to have received franchises from the municipal authorities of the Town of Jamaica.

"It appears, as will hereinafter more fully be stated, that the contract of November 30, 1898, entered into between The City of New York, by the Commissioner of Water Supply, and the Jamaica Water Supply Company, does not refer to the contract of June 8, 1894, but does purport to modify and supplement, and as modified and supplemented, keep in full force and effect contracts of December 30, 1897, and, as no particular contracts of said last-mentioned date are referred to in the agreement of November 30, 1898, the contract of December 30, 1897, for the supply to the Jamaica Township Water Supply District would seem to be covered by the general designation, 'Contracts of December 30, 1897.'

"There would seem to be several questions presented as to the validity of said contract of December 30, 1897, for supplying water to the Jamaica Township Water Supply District.

"Chapter 678 of the Laws of 1896, amending section 81 of chapter 566 of the Laws of 1890, as amended by chapter 230, of the Laws of 1894, is as follows :

"Section 81. * * * The town board of any town may establish a water supply district in such town outside of a city or incorporated village therein by filing a certificate describing the bounds thereof in the office of the town clerk, and may contract in the name of the town for the delivery, by a corporation, subject to the provisions of this article, of a supply of water for fire, sanitary or other public purposes, to such districts, and the whole town shall be bound by such contract, but the rental or expense thereof shall annually, in the same manner as other expenses of

the town are raised, be assessed, levied upon and collected only from the taxable property within such water supply district. Such money, when collected, shall be kept as a separate fund and be paid over 'to such corporation by the supervisor of the town, according to the terms and conditions of any such contract. No such contract shall be made for a longer period than five years, nor for an annual expense exceeding three mills upon each dollar of the taxable property within such water supply district.'

"Although at the time the contract of June 8, 1894, was made, under the provisions of chapter 230 of the Laws of 1894, the Town Board would seem to have had authority to enter into a contract for ten years without a special vote of the inhabitants, yet, inasmuch as said last-named contract was entered into for five years, it would seem that in view of the provisions of chapter 678 of the Laws of 1896, there is a serious question as to the legal power of the said Town Board to practically extend the term of said contract of June 8, 1894, beyond the period of five years, as would seem to be the effect of the contract of December 30, 1897.

"Moreover, in view of the decision of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial District, in the case of Peter C. Hendrickson, appellant, against The City of New York, impleaded, appellant, and the Jamaica Electric-light Company, respondent, it would seem that said contract No. 1 of December 30, 1897, was illegal and void upon grounds similar to those stated in said decision.

"Contract No. 2, entered into between the Jamaica Water Supply Company and the Town Board of Jamaica, on December 30, 1897, provides for a supply of water to hydrants, etc., for a period of five years from said date, in a new district known as the Hollis Water Supply District, established by said Town Board on the same date, December 30, 1897. Said contract provides as follows :

" 'It is understood and agreed that one hundred hydrants shall be erected on or before the first day of July, 1898, in said water supply district, as shown upon a certain map filed simultaneously herewith in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Jamaica, and entitled Hollis Water Supply District, said hydrants to be located at the points and places only indicated upon said last-mentioned map and at no other points or places, and the party of the first part further agrees that it will from and after the date of these presents deliver to the party of the second part and its successors through pipes, mains and hydrants water within all that portion of the Hollis Water supply District described in said certificate, and the party of the first part further

"Agrees that it will within sixty days after the request so to do by the party of the second part or its successors deliver to the party of the second part or its successors water through pipes, mains and hydrants in the remaining part or portion of the territory included in the said water supply district described in said certificate and not hereinbefore provided for, and that whenever any mains are laid in extension of existing mains, that there shall be located and established upon all mains, so laid in extension not less than ten hydrants upon each mile of pipe so laid, and the said party of the second part in behalf of itself and its successors in consideration of one dollar to it in hand paid and the fulfillment by the party of the first part of its obligations hereunder, does hereby agree to and with the party of the first part and its assigns that it and its successors will cause to be levied and collected in " 'the manner provided in section 81 of the General Transportation Corporations Law, a tax sufficient to pay and will pay over to the party of the first part a sum equal to a rental of twenty dollars per annum for each and every hydrant set and located by the party of the first part within that part of the said territory included in the said water supply district.'

"Said contract further provides for equal semi-annual payments on the first days of April and October respectively in each and every year ; that it shall continue for the full term and period of five years from the day of its date and shall be binding upon successors and legal representatives of the respective parties thereto.

"It will be noted that said contract seems to have been made for the successors of the town rather than for the town, and in view of the decision of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial District, hereinbefore referred to, as well as of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel in the case of the contract made by the Town of Jamaica on December 17, 1897, with the Woodhaven Water Supply Company, it would seem that there is a serious question as to the legality and validity of the said contract of December 30, 1897, for the supply of water to said Hollis Water Supply District, and also a serious question as to the power of said Town Board on December 30, 1897, to establish said Water Supply District.

"In connection with said question as to the legal establishment of said district by said Town Board, attention is called to the fact that no levy was made by said Town Board to meet the expense under said contract in the year 1898.

"Such failure is especially marked because of the provision of the contract by which an attempt is made to bind the successors of the Town to the particular method of levying and collecting a tax to meet the expenses under the contract, as provided by section 81 of the General Transportation Corporations Law, and which, certainly for at least the life of said contract subsequent to the year 1898, would seem to be in conflict with the provisions of the Greater New York Charter.

"There are other points in the provisions of said contract above quoted, as to location of hydrants and fixing the number per mile, which would seem to be at variance with the provisions of the Greater New York Charter, and with the control given by said act to the Department of Water Supply and to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York.

"Contract No. 3, entered into by the Jamaica Water Supply Company with the Town Board of Jamaica, under date of December 30, 1897, for supplying the Queens Water Supply District, established by said Town Board on the same day, December 30, 1897, contains similar provisions as hereinabove stated in connection with the reference to the contract for the Hollis Water Supply District, except as to the number of hydrants to be erected before July 1, 1898, which, in case of the Queens Water Supply District contract, is forty-five.

"Similar questions are also presented as to the legality and validity of this contract, and it also appears in this case that no tax was levied by the Town Board to meet the expense under the contract for the year 1898.

"Contract No. 4, entered into by The City of New York, by the Commissioner of Water Supply, with the Jamaica Water Supply Company, dated November 30, 1898, recites the fact that the Town Board of Jamaica entered into certain agreements with the Jamaica Water Supply Company on December 30, 1897, and states the action of the Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York, on August 24, 1898, at its regular meeting held on that day, and the adoption then by said Board of a resolution fixing and establishing rates of charge in connection with the maintenance and supply of fire-hydrants and governing the supply of water furnished by private water companies in The City of New York, and requiring that an agreement be executed by private water companies accepting the rates and rules as set forth in said resolution, before consent be given by said Board for the issuing of any permit to extend water-mains or to erect hydrants by private water companies.

"It also recites the application of the Jamaica Water Supply Company to said Board of Public Improvements to extend water-mains and to erect hydrants within the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Queens, as called for by said contracts of December 30, 1897.

"Said contract then provides :

"First—That for all hydrants which may hereafter be erected by said The Jamaica Water Supply Company, its successors or assigns, it, the said The Jamaica Water Supply Company, and they, its successors or assigns, will receive the fixed price or sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum in full compensation for each and every hydrant so hereafter erected by it.

"Second—That for said price or sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum, for each and every hydrant so hereafter erected, it, The Jamaica Water Supply Company, covenants and agrees for itself, its successors and assigns, to furnish all the water that is necessary for fire purposes and for flushing sewers within that portion of the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Queens, wherein mains are or may be laid and hydrants may hereafter be erected by it, said The Jamaica Water Supply Company, its successors and assigns; and, in addition thereto, covenants and agrees to furnish, and that its successors and assigns will furnish, five hundred (500) gallons of water per day from each of such hydrants for two hundred (200) days in each year where the same is needed or may be demanded for sprinkling purposes by any department of the said The City of New York."

"Said contract further provides:

"The said The Jamaica Water Supply Company, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby release the said The City of New York and its successors from any claim for payment of rentals during the year 1898 for hydrants erected by it upon the line of mains to be laid under such contracts of December 30, 1897."

"Further provision is also made for the payment by The City of New York to said Jamaica Water Supply Company of 'the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum for each and every hydrant hereafter erected by it as hereinbefore set forth, all such rentals to be paid semi-annually and in the months of January and July in each year during the full unexpired portion of the term stated in said contracts of December 30, 1897, viz.: for a period of four years from the 1st day of January, 1899.'

"It also provides that 'this contract shall be construed as modifying and supplementing each of said contracts dated December 30, 1897, which said contracts, as modified and supplemented by this contract, are to remain of full force and effect.'

"Said contract also recites that it has been executed by the Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York in behalf of The City of New York, pursuant to the resolution of the said Board of Public Improvements duly adopted on the 24th day of August, 1898.

"It will be noted that although some new conditions are imposed upon the Jamaica Water Supply Company by this contract, yet the provisions of the contract are predicated upon the contracts of December 30, 1897, which are, as modified and supplemented by the contract of November 30, 1898, to remain in full force and effect.

"If, as it would appear, as hereinbefore stated, the said contracts of December 30, 1897, are not legal and binding upon The City of New York, and in view of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel addressed to the Comptroller of The City of New York in the matter of the contract entered into by the Town Board of Jamaica with the Woodhaven Water Supply Company of December 17, 1897, there would seem to be a question as to the legal effect of the contract made by the Commissioner of Water Supply with said company on November 30, 1898.

"It appears that the form of said agreement of November 30, 1898, was submitted to the Board of Public Improvements by the Corporation Counsel on September 26, 1898, and that on October 5th, 1898, said form was approved by said Board.

"It would also appear from the communication of the Corporation Counsel, submitting said form of agreement, that only the two contracts of December 30, 1897, covering the Hollis and Queens Water Supply Districts, were intended to be affected by the clause in the agreement of November 30, 1898, releasing The City of New York from any claim by said company for rentals during the year 1898 for hydrants on the line of mains to be erected under the contracts of December 30, 1897, as modified and supplemented by said agreement of November 30, 1898, are to remain in full force and effect, although a third contract was made, as hereinbefore shown, on December 30, 1897, covering the Jamaica Township Water Supply District, and the said clauses in the agreement of November 30, 1898, do not except said last-mentioned district or contract

covering the same and do not specifically refer to the Hollis and Queens Districts, and contracts covering the same, reciting only generally contracts entered into December 30, 1897.

"There would therefore seem to be a question whether said contract of November 30, 1898, if valid and binding upon The City of New York, operates to modify and supplement the contract of December 30, 1897, made for the supply of water to the Jamaica Township Water Supply District.

"If said last named contract should be held not to be binding upon The City of New York, a further question would seem to be presented as to the effect, if any, of said agreement of November 30, 1898, upon the contract of June 8, 1894, made by said Town Board of Jamaica with the Jamaica Township Water Company, and, as alleged in the pleadings in the action hereinbefore referred to, assigned to the Jamaica Water Supply Company.

"To summarize, the following questions would seem to be presented as to the validity, force and effect of said contracts :

"1st. Whether the Town Board of Jamaica had the legal power on December 30, 1897, to enter into the contract with the Jamaica Water Supply Company for the supply of water to hydrants in the district in said contract referred to, known as the Jamaica Township Water Supply District, and of same boundaries as established in June, 1894, for the period of five years from December 30, 1897, for the purposes and in the manner and form therein stated.

"2d. Whether the contract of June 8, 1894, entered into by the Town Board of Jamaica with the Jamaica Township Water Company is still operative and binding upon The City of New York, and whether the same has been modified and supplemented by the contract of November 30, 1898, made by the Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York with the Jamaica Water Supply Company.

"3d. Whether the Town Board of Jamaica, on December 30, 1897, had the legal power to enter into contracts with the Jamaica Water Supply Company for the supply of water to hydrants in the districts therein referred to as the Hollis and Queens Water Supply Districts, for a period of five years from December 30, 1897, for the purposes and in the manner and form in said contracts stated.

"4th. Whether said three contracts of December 30, 1897, are, or either of them is, binding upon The City of New York, and whether the same can properly and legally be registered in the Department of Finance.

"5th. Whether said contract of June 8, 1894, can properly and legally be registered in the Department of Finance as binding upon The City of New York.

"6th. Whether the contract or agreement of November 30, 1898, can be considered as ratifying or giving force and effect to said three contracts of December 30, 1897, or any of them, or as modifying and supplementing said contract of June 8, 1894.

"7th. Whether the contract of November 30, 1898, can properly and legally be registered in the Department of Finance.

"In view of the questions above presented, I respectfully recommend that the contracts or agreements above referred to be submitted to the Corporation Counsel for his consideration and advice in the premises."

First—Answering the first question, I am of the opinion that the Town Board of Jamaica did not have legal power on December 30, 1897, to enter into the contract dated December 30, 1897, and acknowledged on the same day, with the Jamaica Water Supply Company for the supply of water to hydrants in the district in said contract referred to, known as the Jamaica Township Water Supply District, and of the same boundaries as established in June, 1894, for the period of five years from December 30, 1897, for the purposes and in the manner and form therein stated.

The reasons and the principles of law stated in my opinion to you dated April 11, 1899, in

regard to the legality of the contract between the Woodhaven Water Supply Company and the Town of Jamaica, dated December 17, 1897, is applicable to this contract, dated December 30, 1897.

The contract between the Jamaica Township Water Company, dated June 8, 1894, for the supply of water to this same district, did not expire until May 1, 1899. It provided that the hydrants should average ten to the mile, whereas the contract dated December 30, 1897, provides that hydrants shall average fifteen to the mile, being an increase of 50 per cent. in the cost to be paid by the successor corporation, namely, The City of New York, over and above that to be paid by the taxable property under the contract, dated June 8, 1894. In so far as the contract, dated December 30, 1897, differs from the contract dated June 8, 1894, the difference is wholly in favor of the contracting company and against The City of New York as the successor corporation.

As was said by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Department in the case of *Hendrickson* against the Jamaica Electric-light Company and The City of New York, 38 Appellate Division, paragraph 480 at page 483: "The whole undertaking was prospective and could have no effective operation until after consolidation. It was an effort on the part of the Town Board to do that which, we think, they possessed no authority to do under well-established principles of public policy, which condemn such contracts as void * * * a want of power on the part of the Town Board to enter into a contract which would only become practically operative after the Town of Jamaica ceased to exist."

The contract, dated June 8, 1894, among other provisions, contains the following:

"The terms, covenants and conditions of this contract shall bind the parties hereto, and shall continue in full force and effect from the date hereof until the 1st day of May, 1899, and this contract shall be considered as superseding and extending the contract heretofore made between the parties hereto March 1, 1890."

The contract, dated December 30, 1897, contains no such provision, and does not attempt in terms to supersede or extend the contract of June 8, 1894.

It may be claimed that the parties to a contract can abrogate it and enter into a new contract, but this can be done only when the interests of third parties will not be injuriously affected thereby. In the present case, The City of New York had an interest in the continuance of the contract of June 8, 1894, and the parties well knew that The City of New York, which, although created, did not come into active existence until January 1, 1898, was the party which would be called upon to answer for the contract, and it was apparently an attempt to deprive the successor corporation of a portion of the power expressly granted to it in the Greater New York Charter by the Legislature.

In my opinion, it was the duty of the several municipal corporations and the officers having control of their affairs (who were trustees for the people residing in the territory embraced within the limits of such corporations), to refrain from doing all unnecessary acts, and especially from doing such acts as would tend to embarrass and to nullify for the time being the powers of the new municipality of the several departments, boards and officers, who were to take charge of such matters on January 1, 1898, and who had been provided for by the Legislature on May 4, 1897.

Second. Answering the second question, I am of the opinion that the contract of June 8, 1894, entered into by the Town Board of Jamaica, with the Jamaica Township Water Company, was operative and binding upon The City of New York up to May 1, 1899.

The Jamaica Township Water Company has assigned this contract to the Jamaica Water Supply Company. (See judgment in the action of Jamaica Water Supply Company against The City of New York, above mentioned.)

I am of the opinion that the contract, dated November 30, 1898, made by the Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York in behalf of The City of New York, pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Public Improvements adopted on the 24th day of August, 1898, filed

in your Department December 30, 1898, is an independent contract, and does not ratify, affirm or disaffirm the several contracts mentioned therein.

Third. Answering the third question, I am of the opinion that the Town Board of Jamaica did not have the legal power to enter into the contracts with the Jamaica Water Supply Company for the supply of water to hydrants in the districts therein referred to as the Hollis and Queens Water Supply Districts for a period of five years from December 30, 1897, for the purposes and in the manner and form in said contracts stated.

Fourth. Answering the fourth question, I am of the opinion that no one of said three contracts dated December 30, 1897, and acknowledged on the same day, is binding upon The City of New York.

Fifth. Answering the fifth question, I am of the opinion that the contract dated June 8, 1894, between the Jamaica Township Water Company and the Town of Jamaica, and acknowledged on the same day, was a valid contract binding upon the Town of Jamaica, and, under section 4 of the Charter, must be deemed and taken to be a lawful charge against The City of New York, and must be defrayed and answered unto by it to the same extent, and no further, than the said Town of Jamaica, and the property within the lighting district would have been bound if said Charter had not been passed.

Sixth. Answering the sixth question, I am of the opinion that the contract or agreement of November 30, 1898, cannot be considered as ratifying or giving force and effect to said three contracts of December 30, 1897, or any of them.

I am of the opinion, that said contract of November 30, 1898, must be considered as a separate and independent contract of The City of New York.

The contract dated November 30, 1898, contains the following :

"In witness whereof, * * * and the Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York, has executed this contract in behalf of The City of New York, pursuant to the resolution of the said Board of Public Improvements, duly adopted on the 24th day of August, 1898."

The Commissioner of Water Supply signed and acknowledged the contract in pursuance of the said resolution.

I think it is clear that neither the Board of Public Improvements nor the Commissioner of Water Supply had any intention of ratifying or approving the three contracts mentioned in said agreement dated November 30, 1898.

An examination of the minutes of the Board of Public Improvements will show this.

On page 351 of the minutes occurs the following :

"Resolved, further, That this action of this Board shall not in any wise be construed to recognize the existence of any particular contract, and the resolutions as amended were unanimously adopted."

The resolutions referred to related to the contracts with private water companies, and can be found on page 320 of the minutes of that Board.

The contract contains the following provision :

"It is further mutually agreed that this contract shall be construed as modifying and supplementing each of said contracts, dated December 30, 1897, which said contracts, as modified and supplemented by this contract, are to remain of full force and effect."

This provision was inserted in order to preclude any presumption by the Jamaica Water Supply Company that the contract abrogated or rescinded the contracts of December 30, 1897, but there was no intention of ratifying or approving the said contracts or of giving them force and effect, if they had none in law.

Seventh. Answering the seventh question, I suppose this has reference to the following provisions of the Charter :

Section 149 provides as follows :

"No contracts hereafter made * * * shall be binding or of any force, unless the Comptroller shall endorse thereon his certificate that there remains unexpended and unapplied as herein provided, a balance of the appropriation or fund applicable thereto, sufficient to pay the estimated expense of executing such contract, as certified by the officer making the same."

Section 416, subdivision 13, provides as follows :

"It shall be the duty of the Board of Public Improvements to prepare and to recommend to the Municipal Assembly all ordinances and resolutions regulating the following matters : * * * (13) The making of all contracts * * * and that no contract shall be made until the Comptroller certifies thereon that the necessary funds are provided and applicable thereto."

Section 419 provides as follows :

"Every contract when made and entered into as above provided for, shall be executed in duplicate, and shall be filed in the Department of Finance. * * * Such copies shall be so filed within five days after the contract shall have been duly executed by the contractor."

I am of the opinion that it is your duty to receive and file the contract of November 30, 1898, and to indorse thereon your certificate, provided there remains unexpended and unapplied a balance of the appropriation sufficient to pay the estimated expense of executing the contract as testified by the officer making the same.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) THEODORE CONNOLLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, July 18, 1899.	}
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Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, a petition of Mr. George F. Johnson for permission to construct a private sewer in Longwood avenue, from Prospect avenue to the Southern Boulevard, and in Kelly street, from Craven street to Longwood avenue, Borough of The Bronx, I have to state that there is no legal obstacle against the granting of the petition.

Longwood avenue and Kelly street are legally opened, and the sewers are filed on the Sewerage District Map, No. 36 B, according to which plan the submitted map for the construction of the sewer was prepared. I return the papers in the matter, and the map showing the construction of the sewer.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, In pursuance of section 560, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, authority be and hereby is given to the Commissioner of Sewers to issue a permit to George F. Johnson to construct, at his own expense, a private sewer in Longwood avenue, from Prospect avenue to the Southern Boulevard, and in Kelly street, from Craven street to Longwood avenue, Borough of The Bronx, in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 18, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I forward herewith resolutions for repairs to sewer in Twelfth street, between Avenue A and First avenue ; estimated cost, \$3,800.

Repairs to sewers in One Hundred and Twenty-second street, between Pleasant and Second avenues, and in First avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets ; estimated cost, \$6,800.

Repairs to sewer in Broad street, between Exchange place and Beaver street ; estimated cost, \$1,000.

And I ask for your adoption of the same.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

Thereupon, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 415 of the Greater New York Charter, the repairing of a sewer in Broad street, between Exchange place and Beaver street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning," Borough of Manhattan, for 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 415 of the Greater New York Charter, the repairing of a sewer in Twelfth street, between Avenue A and First avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning," Borough of Manhattan, for 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 415 of the Greater New York Charter, the repairing of sewers in One Hundred and Twenty-second street,

Negative—None.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 18, 1899. }

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

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New York to construct connections between said sewer and certain buildings along the line thereof, which work is to be done at the expense of the owners of said buildings ; and

Whereas, The City of New York is not yet ready to accept said sewer, or any part thereof ; and, whereas, said party of the third part requires that it shall be held harmless from any damage which it may sustain by reason of the making of the said connections with said sewer,

Now this agreement witnesseth, That, in consideration of receiving permission to construct said connections, the said parties of the first and second parts, their legal representatives and assigns, covenant and agree that they will hold the said City of New York harmless in any damage which may be done by reason of the making of said connections, and will pay all damages caused thereby.

And it is hereby expressly agreed by and between the parties hereto, that, in permitting the said connections to be made, and in permitting the said sewer to be used, The City of New York does not thereby accept said sewer, or any part thereof, and does not waive any right which it has or may have to reject said sewer or any part thereof.

It is further agreed that this agreement shall form a part of the contract above referred to, with the same force and effect as if originally incorporated therein.

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Party of the first part.

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Parties of the second part.

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Party of the third part.

State of New York, County of _____, ss. :

On this _____ day of _____, 1899, personally appeared before me to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

State of New York, County of _____, ss. :

On this _____ day of _____, 1899, personally appeared before me and _____, to me known and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

On this _____ day of _____, 1899, personally appeared before me James Kane, Commissioner of Sewers in The City of New York, to me known and known to me to be the individual and officer described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned, and that he was authorized so to do

by a resolution of the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, duly passed at a meeting of said Board on the day of , 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Richmond and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

At the request of the Commissioner of Water Supply, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the resolution adopted on August 24, 1898, authority be and hereby is given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company of Newtown to lay water-mains from Fresh Pond road through the streets and avenues of St. James Park, Borough of Queens.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and hereby is authorized to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company of Newtown for opening the above streets for the purpose of laying water-mains, upon the presentation to him of the permit issued by the Commissioner of Water Supply for the above work.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY,
NEW YORK, July 17, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of 30th ultimo from the Secretary of your Board were transmitted to me, for investigation and report, copies of three communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, embodying resolutions of the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, calling for the laying of water-mains in Marion avenue, between Travers and William streets ; in Macy place, between Hewitt place and Prospect avenue ; in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Walton and River avenues.

From report which I have from the Chief Engineer of this Department I find that these water-mains are necessary, except that the main in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street could be laid between Gerard and River avenues. The total distance for which these mains are to be laid is 1,400 feet, and the estimated cost is \$1,650, chargeable to the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes," boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.

I herewith inclose, for adoption by your Board and for presentation to the Municipal Assembly, drafts of a resolution and an ordinance authorizing the laying of these mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted, and the accompanying form of ordinance approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Marion avenue, between Travers and William streets ; in Macy place, between Hewitt place and Prospect avenue, and in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Gerard and River avenues, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes," boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Marion avenue, between Travers and Williams streets ; in Macy place, between Hewitt place and Prospect avenue, and in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Gerard and River avenues, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for 'Laying Croton Pipes,' boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899."

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, July 18, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Herewith please find form (three copies) of modification of the following contract in the Borough of The Bronx :

"Sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street (Primrose street), between Grand and Creston avenues ; in Jerome avenue, between East One Hundred and Ninetieth street (St. James street) and East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street Donnybrook

street); and in Parkview terrace, between East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street) and Morris avenue; and in Kingsbridge road, between Jerome avenue and Creston avenue; in Creston avenue, between Kingsbridge road and East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street).

I also inclose herewith copy of a letter received from the Hon. John Whalen, Corporation Counsel, explanatory of said modification, together with a copy of a letter received from the Hon. Thomas J. Byrne, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx.

You will kindly approve of the said forms, and return to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, }
NEW YORK, July 8, 1899. }

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers, City of New York :

DEAR SIR—I beg to inform you that the modified contract for sewer, etc., in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street (Primrose street), between Grand and Creston avenues, etc., transmitted by you to this office for execution by Mr. Michael Redmond, contractor, and his sureties, has not been correctly drawn. Mr. Redmond refuses to execute said modified contract because there is no provision inserted in it making the same price for 12-inch pipe sewer as for brick sewer in One Hundred and Ninety-second street, between Grand and Davidson avenues.

I transmit herewith three copies of modified contract, which are copies of those approved by the Corporation Counsel and Board of Public Improvements, except the correction in the description of the modified portion of the sewer, and also the insertion of a clause providing that the price of 12-inch pipe sewer in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, between Grand and Davidson avenues, shall be the same as that for the brick sewer, within the same limits in the original contract.

I respectfully request that you have the same approved by the Corporation Counsel and the Board of Public Improvements in the form submitted.

I herewith return the first-mentioned modified contracts.

Respectfully,

(Signed) THOS. J. BYRNE,
Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, July 17, 1899. }

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers :

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 11th instant, inclosing form of agreement modifying contract for sewers in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street (Primrose street), between Grand avenue and Creston avenue, which you request me to substitute for form already approved. The new form provides for an additional price to be paid for pipe sewer in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, between Grand and Davidson avenues, and the contractor has refused to sign the modified agreement unless the provision is made.

Inclosed herewith I return the agreement with my approval indorsed thereon.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) THEODORE CONNOLLY. Acting Corporation Counsel.

This agreement made and entered into this day of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, between The City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Sewers of said city, party of the first part, Michael Redmond, party of the second part, and the American Surety Company of New York, and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, parties of the third part.

Whereas, a contract was entered into upon the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, by and between the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and Michael Redmond, for constructing a sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street (Primrose street), between Grand avenue and Creston avenue, and in Jerome avenue, between East One Hundred and Ninetieth street (St. James street) and East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street), and in Park View terrace, between East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street) and Morris avenue, and in Kingsbridge road, between Jerome avenue and Creston avenue, and in Creston avenue, between Kingsbridge road and East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street), upon which contract the said parties of the third part were the sureties ; and

Whereas, Since the execution of the said contract it has appeared expedient and to the advantage of the party of the first part, that said contract should be modified and changed in such form as to correspond to the changed grades and sizes and sizes of sewers as made by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, and approved by the Commissioner of Sewers, and designated as Sewerage District Plan 38, O, and filed January fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine ; and

Whereas, The said changes, as far as the said contract is concerned, are made only on East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, from Grand avenue to Davidson avenue, and as fully shown in detail on the plan and profile hereto attached, viz. :

Plan showing changes of sewer grades, sizes and details of sewers and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, from Grand avenue to Davidson avenue, made in accordance with Sewerage District Plan No. 38, O, and

Whereas, said contract contains a clause which reads as follows :

“ It is further agreed that this contract and the specifications herein contained, and the plans herein referred to, may be modified and changed from time to time as may be agreed in writing between the parties hereto, in a manner not materially affecting the substance thereof nor increasing the price to be paid, in order to carry out and complete more fully and perfectly the work herein agreed to be done and performed.”

It is hereto agreed that the contract in question be changed and modified as to street grades, sewer grades and sizes and amount of sewer and appurtenances, as above set forth, and shown in said plan hereto attached, and that the prices paid for the different items remain the same, except price of the sewer in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, between Grand and Davidson avenues, which price shall be the same as that paid for the brick sewer, within the same limits, in the original contract, and that said modifications be of the same force and effect as if inserted in said contract at the time of execution thereof.

It is also hereby agreed that 100 days shall be allowed to the contractor to make the necessary changes stipulated by this agreement, said 100 days to be in excess of the time bid on the original contract.

In witness whereof, the Commissioner of Sewers has hereunto set his hand and seal on behalf of the said party of the first part, and the said party of the second part has also hereunto affixed

his hand and seal, and the said parties of the third part have also hereunto set their hands and seals.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of
Commissioners of Sewers,

.....
Contractor.

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Sureties

Approved by the Board of Public Improvements. 1899.

Thereupon the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, The adoption by this Board of the amended sewerage plan for Sewerage District No. 38, O, in the Borough of The Bronx, has made it necessary to alter the construction of a certain sewer contract in said sewerage district, and which said sewer was under contract at the time of the adoption of said plan ; and

Whereas, This Board, on the 28th day of June, 1899, did adopt a form modifying said contract, which form had been approved by the Corporation Counsel, and which said form of modification the contractor has refused to sign, as it did not contain all the obligations agreed to ; now be it

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves of the newly amended form of contract approved by the Corporation Counsel, and submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers, for a sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Ninety-second street (Primrose street), between Grand and Creston avenues and in Jerome avenue, between East One Hundred and Ninetieth street (St. James street) and East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street) and in Parkview terrace, between East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street) and Morris avenue, and in Kingsbridge road, between Jerome avenue and Creston avenue, and in Creston avenue, between Kingsbridge road and East One Hundred and Ninety-sixth street (Donnybrook street), in the Borough of The Bronx.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Queens were referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT—BOROUGH OF QUEENS,)
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 14, 1899. }

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, City of New York :

DEAR SIR—The important relationship which the construction of a public sewerage disposal plant in connection with the sewer system in Jamaica bears towards the health and comfort of the people in that section of this borough, and in view of the fact that it has cost them \$100,000 or more for the construction of the present sewers, which are inoperative by reason of the discharge

therefrom into Jamaica Bay being prohibited by order of the State Board of Health, causes me to add this to the usual requirements herewith inclosed as an evidence of my earnest desire to have you give this matter your personal attention towards having it speedily progressed, which favor I respectfully request for the petitioners, who are a class of citizens who know how to appreciate that which is well done.

Yours very truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 14, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution relative to petition for the construction of sewerage disposal plant in connection with the sewer system of Jamaica, Fourth Ward, this borough, was adopted by the Local Board of the borough aforesaid at its regular meeting held this day in favor of said improvement, as set forth in accompanying petition.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The President of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, did on this 14th day of July, 1899, at meeting of this the Local Board of borough aforesaid, submit to said Board, for its consideration and action, a petition for the construction of a city sewerage disposal plant in connection with the sewer system in Jamaica, now Fourth Ward, this borough ; and

Whereas, The importance of such undertaking has heretofore received the approval of the State Board of Health, and commanded action on the part of the Sewer Department in anticipation of the favorable action of all the city authorities whose duties relate thereto ;

Now, in view of the foregoing premises and after due consideration of same and all other matters in connection therewith, as brought to the attention of this Board, and in accord with the favorable conclusions of this Board therein, it is

Resolved, That this Board does hereby specially recommend to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, the subject matter as petitioned for and hereinbefore stated, and hereby respectfully urges upon said Board to extend to the same its prompt consideration and favorable action, as called for by the manifest necessity that exists for the speedy construction of such sewerage disposal plant.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
NEW YORK, June 29, 1899. }

Hon. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President, Borough of Queens, City of New York :

DEAR SIR—As per your request, I herewith submit to you the approximate cost for the building of the disposal plant and the completing of the sewer system at Jamaica, now Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, viz., \$94,000 ; also the assessed valuation of the property benefited, viz. : \$3,750,000.

Respectfully yours,

M. J. GOLDNER,

Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Queens were referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 14, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition of property-owners for water-mains to be laid in De Bevoice avenue, from Newtown avenue to Broadway, First Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of said borough at its regular meeting, held this 14th day of July, 1899, in approval of said petition, as hereto annexed.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, Petition for the extension of public water-mains in De Bevoice avenue, from Newtown avenue to Broadway, in First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, was submitted to this, the Local Board of borough aforementioned at meeting thereof held on this 14th day of July, 1899, for its favorable consideration and action ; and

Whereas, Said Board did thereupon conclude and hereby does indorse such aforesaid application ; now, in accordance with the foregoing, it is hereby

Resolved, That recommendation thereof be and the same is hereby made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, to the end that prompt compliance may be made to the requirements of the petitioners.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT—BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 14, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York; Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition of real estate owners for the extension of water-mains in Pomeroy street, from Flushing avenue to Potter avenue, First Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of said borough at its regular weekly meeting held this 14th day of July, 1899 in approval of said petition as hereto annexed.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The petition of taxpayers upon the lands and premises fronting on Pomeroy street, between Potter avenue and Flushing avenue, First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, to extend therein the public water-mains, was submitted to this the Local Board of borough aforementioned ; and

Whereas, This Board in meeting assembled this 14th day of July, 1899, determined in favor of said petition ; therefore it is accordingly

Resolved, That recommendation be and hereby is made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it extend to said petition its prompt and favorable consideration and action.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 14, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition to extend water-mains in Hulst street, First Ward, Borough of Queens, from Greenpoint avenue to Jackson avenue, was duly adopted by the Local Board of the Borough of Queens at its regular meeting held this 14th day of July, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, This, the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, did at its meeting on May 5, 1899, adopt preamble and resolution in favor of extending the public water-mains in and through Hulst street, from Greenpoint avenue to Jackson avenue, in First Ward, of borough and city aforementioned, and so recommend same to Board of Public Improvements, City of New York ; and

Whereas, The President of the last named Board did at its meeting, on May 17, 1899, refer the matter to the Commissioner of Water Supply for investigation and report ; which report has not as yet been officially announced ;

Now, in view of the fact that it is over two months since said reference, it is

Resolved, That respectful request be and the same is hereby made upon all whom it may concern, that the subject-matter of said petition be speedily progressed.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 14, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York ; Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition of property-owners along the line of Blackwell street, First Ward, Borough of Queens, that said street be legally opened from Broadway to Woolsey avenue, was duly adopted by the Local Board of said borough at its regular meeting held this 14th day of July, 1899, in approval of petition as annexed hereto.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, the President of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, did submit to this, the Local Board of the borough aforementioned, at its meeting held July 14, 1899, a petition for the legal opening of Blackwell street, from Broadway to Woolsey avenue, in the First Ward of said borough ; and

Whereas, this Board did, in conformity with notice published, accord public hearing thereon, at which no person appeared in opposition thereto ; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of this Board that compliance with said petition would be for the best interests of this City ; therefore

Resolved, That recommendation be and the same is hereby made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it give the subject-matter of the petition its prompt and favorable consideration and action toward causing the necessary proceedings to be instituted whereby the City of New York acquire title in said avenue for use by the public as a highway.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of William B. Ewing and others, duly advertised, and submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in Belmont street, from the existing sewer in Jerome avenue to the east side of the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Wm. B. Ewing and others, duly advertised, and submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements, that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in Belmont street, from Morris avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Arthur E. Briggs and others, duly advertised and submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in Valentine avenue, from Fordham road to East One Hundred and Ninety-second street, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of the Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Ambrose Moncrieff and others, duly advertised, and submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in Hoffman street, from summit south of One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street to Pelham avenue, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Matthew Koch and others, duly advertised, and submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that proceedings be initiated for acquiring title to West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Broadway to Riverdale avenue, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of William Schmidt and others, duly advertised, and submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the City initiate proceedings for acquiring title to a strip of land on the north side of East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Teller avenue and Park Avenue, West, as shown in the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards (Borough of The Bronx), to be taken for street purposes, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Francis V. S. Oliver and others, submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Willis avenue and Brown place, be repaved with asphalt, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of James Shanley and others, duly advertised, and submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, from Third avenue to Crescent avenue, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space of four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid, approaches built and fences erected where necessary, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Wm. H. Bickelhaupt and others, submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Sixty-second street be repaved with asphalt, from Courtlandt avenue to the junction of Elton, Washington and Brook avenues, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting, July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Sylvester Kramer and others, submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street be repaved with asphalt, between Courtlandt avenue and Melrose avenue, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz.:

Resolved, That on complaint of Department of Highways, Borough of the Bronx, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the front of the premises No. 825 Trinity avenue, Borough of the Bronx, be fenced with a retaining-wall, in accordance with section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communication was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

JAMES A. O'GORMAN, No. 208 BROADWAY, {
NEW YORK, July 13, 1899.

To the Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The public park at Ogden, Jerome and Woody Crest avenues, Borough of The Bronx, is bounded on the north by a narrow strip, being about fifteen feet in width on Ogden avenue and about eight feet in width on Woody Crest avenue. The tract on the north of this strip runs to One Hundred and Sixty-second street, a distance of about 390 feet. The strip in question cannot be improved upon to advantage. Such improvements as might be put upon it would necessarily be prejudicial to the park and the surrounding territory, and it is believed that the public interests would be served by your Honorable Board extending the north line of the park so as to embrace the strip in question.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. O'GORMAN, Attorney for the K. B. Daly Estate.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
July 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter dated the 7th inst., from the Secretary of the Board, with a copy of a communication from Mr. James Egbert, Rosebank, Borough of Richmond, protesting against the grading of Hope avenue, in that Borough ; also a copy of a report by the Chief Topographical Engineer in the matter.

In reply, I beg to say that upon investigation I find that Jacob B. Egbert deeded to Nathaniel Marsh, September 1, 1859, a piece of property fronting on the northwest side of Hope avenue, a distance of 560 feet and 3 inches, and fronting on the west side of New York avenue 137 feet and 11 inches. This deed grants to Mr. Marsh, his heirs or assigns, a perpetual right of way in and over Hope avenue.

William Mullen, referee, deeded to James Egbert, November 16, 1882, a piece of property adjoining the Marsh piece, and fronting 206 feet and 6 inches on Hope avenue, together with one-half of said Hope avenue on the south line of said premises. Hope avenue was, however,

accepted at a meeting of the Trustees of the Village of Edgewater, December 7, 1897, as a public street.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

ULLO, RUEBSAMEN & HIGGINBOTHAM,
No. 320 BROADWAY, CENTRAL BANK BUILDING, }
July 12, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, No. 13 Park Row, Syndicate Building, Manhattan :

GENTLEMEN—Inclosed kindly find petition, addressed to your Honorable Board, for a change of grade of Avenue I and East Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, together with a profile by Samuel H. McElroy, City Surveyor, showing proposed change of grade.

Trusting that your Honorable Body will accord to this petition your approval, we have the honor to be

Yours most respectfully,

ULLO RUEBSAMEN & HIGGINBOTHAM.

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, to change the grade of Avenue I, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and on the plan of lots called Oak Crest, from the grades now established to those as indicated on a profile plan made May, 1896, by Samuel H. McElroy, surveyor, and in order that the work of said street improvements and the construction of a number of houses on said streets may not be delayed, we hereby authorize Wood, Harmon & Co. to construct the streets in accordance with said plan instead of what is now shown on the City Plan as the established grades of said streets as fulfilling their agreement to grade said streets to City grade.

JOSEPH I. POWERS, and others.

The following communications from the Board of Health were referred to the President of the Borough of Manhattan.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, }
New York, July 17, 1899. }

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held July 12, 1899, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the report of Chief Sanitary Inspector Feeney in respect to the dangerous condition of vacant Lots Nos. 537 to 547 West Fifty-third street, Borough of Manhattan, be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements, with the request that for sanitary reasons the Department of Highways be authorized and directed to have said lots fenced.

A true copy.

C. GOLDERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

To the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent :

SIR—On a citizen's complaint, an inspection was made of the vacant lots located at Nos. 537 to 547 West Fifty-third street, and the same were found in a dangerous condition. An order (No. 7010) was issued on March 7, 1899, requiring said lots to be cleaned and fenced. The

alleged owner, Bertha Volckening, of No. 230 East Forty-fourth street, has failed to comply with the order, and all remedies existing in the Department have been exhausted in the endeavor to enforce said order. I therefore recommend that the Board of Public Improvements be requested to authorize the Department of Highways to have said lots properly fenced.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) M. B. FEENEY, M. D., Chief Sanitary Inspector.

A true copy :

C. GOLDBERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
NEW YORK, July 17, 1899. }

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held July 12, 1899, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the report of Chief Sanitary Inspector Feeney, in respect to the dangerous condition of vacant lots at northwest corner of Ninety-fourth street and First avenue, extending one hundred feet north and two hundred and fifty feet west and including Nos. 330 and 334 East Ninety-fifth street, Borough of Manhattan, be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements, with the request that for sanitary reasons the Department of Highways be authorized and directed to have said lots fenced.

A true copy.

C. GOLDBERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

To the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent :

SIR—On a citizen's complaint, an inspection was made of the vacant lots located at the northwest corner of Ninety-fourth street and First avenue, extending 100 feet north and 250 feet west, and including Nos. 330 and 334 East Ninety-fifth street, and the same were found in a dangerous condition, by reason of being unfenced. Order No. 2691 was issued on February 4, 1899, requiring said lots to be fenced. The order has been directed against several parties, all of whom disclaim responsibility, and as all remedies existing in this Department to have the order complied with have been exhausted, I recommend that the Board of Public Improvements be requested to authorize the Department of Highways to have said lots properly fenced.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) M. B. FEENEY, M. D., Chief Sanitary Inspector.

A true copy.

C. GOLDBERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS,
NEW YORK, July 16, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith present petition of the Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company, requesting permit to build sewers in East Twenty-first street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 480 feet southerly from Avenue E ; in East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 370 feet southerly from Avenue F, together with the affidavit of ownership of

land, agreement between owner and contractor and the requisite bonds and all papers in due form.

I respectfully request that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 12, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that a sewer be constructed in Tenth avenue, between Twentieth street and Fifteenth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

The above resolution was adopted by the Local Board as a substitute for that part of resolution adopted on April 14, 1899, providing for the construction of a sewer in Tenth avenue, between Seventeenth street and Twentieth street (see minutes of Board of Public Improvements of May 3, 1899, page 830).

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
June 30, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on June 29, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 29th day of June, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to regulate and grade and pave Regent place with asphalt pavement, between Flatbush avenue and Ocean avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and to set or reset curb, gutter, lay crosswalks and flag or reflag sidewalks of said street where not already done.”

Proceedings for the improvement of this street were commenced prior to consolidation, but were rescinded by your Board for reasons explained by a communication of mine presented at the meeting of the Board of Public Improvements on June 21. In view of the extraordinary circumstances of the matter, I request that the present proceedings be hastened as much as possible.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 12, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that Tenth street, between Prospect Park, West, and Fourth avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action."

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 12, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 10th day of July, 1899, believes it to be for the public interest and required for the safety, health and convenience of the public, that Fifteenth street, between Fourth avenue and Sixth avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, and it therefore requests that the Board of Public Improvements refer said matter to the Department of Highways for action."

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 12, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Eleventh avenue, between Fifteenth street and Terrace place, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

The above resolution was adopted as a substitute for resolution adopted by the Local Board on April 14, and considered by your Board at its meeting on May 3. (See minutes Board of Public Improvements of May 3, 1899, page 830.)

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 12, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Tenth avenue, between Twentieth street and Fifteenth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

The above resolution was adopted by the Local Board as a substitute for resolution adopted by the Local Board on April 14, and considered by your Board at its meeting on May 3 (see minutes of Board of Public Improvements of May 3, 1899, pages 829 and 830).

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
July 12, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had at a meeting held on July 10, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Terrace place, between Gravesend and Prospect avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn. ”

The opening of the above mentioned street is required for sewer purposes.

Respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS,
NEW YORK, July 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of June 17, transmitting petition of Mr. Dean Alvord for change of sewer map in the vicinity of East Fifteenth street and Albermarle road, Borough of Brooklyn, I beg leave to transmit you copy of communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, also report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, in relation to the same.

I also forward you proposed change as suggested by the Chief Engineer, Borough of Brooklyn. I desire that this matter be referred to the Chief Engineer of the Topographical Bureau.

I also return diagram as requested in your communication of June 17.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS,
JUNE 17, 1899. }

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of June 19, 1899, relative to the change of sewer map in the vicinity of East Fifteenth street, East Sixteenth street and Albermarle road, I respectfully state that the matter was referred to the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, who has prepared two changes of plan, one in the manner as petitioned for by Mr. Dean Alvord, which does not give satisfactory results ; the other giving efficient drainage and the usual depths obtained for sewers.

I respectfully inclose a copy of Mr. Asserson's report to me, and the sketch which the Board of Public Improvements desired to be returned.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed.) WM. BRENNAN, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers,
Borough of Brooklyn.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
 DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, }
 July 17, 1899. }

Hon. WILLIAM BRENNAN, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers :

DEAR SIR—You have referred to me communication from the Honorable James Kane, Commissioner of Sewers, dated June 19, 1899, relative to a change of plan in the adopted drainage district of Map "T," District No. 40, in the vicinity of East Fifteenth street, East Sixteenth street and Albermarle road, together with a communication from the Board of Public Improvements, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and from Mr. Dean Alvord, all in relation to this matter.

In compliance with your order I have prepared a change of plan in the manner petitioned for by Mr. Alvord, that is, by draining East Sixteenth street, through Albermarle road westerly to the present sewer in East Fifteenth street, and in Albermarle road, between East Fifteenth street and East Fourteenth street.

I do not recommend this change of plan, as the existing 15 inch sewer in East Fifteenth street, between Beverly road and Albermarle road is of a depth only of about 8 feet, which would necessitate the building of shallow sewers in Albermarle road, giving depths at East Fourteenth street of 8.75 ; at East Fifteenth street of 7.80 ; at East Sixteenth street of 5.89, and at the line of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Company's property only 4.16.

In the present adopted Map "T," District No. 40 is shown a 36-inch sewer to replace the existing sewer of 15 inches in diameter. This size cannot be changed without a great effect upon the territory. The adoption of this map would permit of the building of sewers in Albermarle road and East Sixteenth street, to drain into the existing 15-inch sewer until such time as it would be replaced by a 36-inch sewer.

The closing of East Sixteenth street, between Albermarle road and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Company's property would necessitate a change of plan, and should it be determined by the Board of Public Improvements that this portion of the street should be taken from the map of the City, I respectfully submit a change of plan, conveying the sewage through East Seventeenth street to Beverly road, whereby the usual depths of sewers are obtained and the district in question thoroughly cared for.

I recommend this chance of plan only upon the condition that East Sixteenth street, as mentioned above, is removed from the map of the City.

The sketch spoken of in the Board of Public Improvements communication, and the papers in this matter, are herewith returned.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) HENRY R. ASSERSON, Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn.

The following communication from the Board of Education was referred to the Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—BOARD OF EDUCATION, }
 NO. 146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, }
 July 12, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—The Boys' High School conducted by the School Board for the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx is located on Thirteenth street, a little east of Sixth avenue, opposite Macy's Delivery Department, and owing to the noise of the trucks upon the stone pavement it is with great difficulty that the school exercises are conducted. Can your department provide

asphalt pavement for the block, or at least that portion of the block commencing at Sixth avenue and running say two hundred feet east of the school-house. If it is possible it would be of great benefit to the school, and I sincerely hope that you may find a way to do it.

Very sincerely yours,

JOSEPH J. LITTLE, President, Board of Education.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters were laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated June 21, from the Secretary of the Board, I received for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that proceeds be initiated to regulate, grade and pave Cooper street with asphalt pavement, between Hamburg avenue and the County line, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and to set and re-erect curb, and flag or reflag sidewalks in said street where not already done.

In reply, I beg to report that the estimated cost of this improvement, including concrete foundation for the asphalt, is \$11,500, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$78,000.

This improvement is necessary and I recommend that it be authorized.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Acknowledging receipt of a letter dated June 21 from the Secretary of the Board, I beg to submit the following report in the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, June 23, expressing belief that Linwood street, between Atlantic avenue and New Lots avenue, should be repaved with asphalt.

The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement on the present belgian-block pavement, with five years' guarantee of maintenance, is \$21,500. At present there is no appropriation from which to pay this amount.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On June 3 the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, adopted a resolution expressing belief that Ditmars street, between Broadway and Myrtle

avenue, should be repaved with asphalt. This resolution was transmitted to me for investigation and report, with a letter dated June 21, 1899, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements.

In reply, I beg to report that an asphalt pavement on concrete foundation would cost \$3,000, including the resetting of old curb, and the furnishing and setting of new curb, the pavement to be guaranteed for five years.

At present there is no money to pay for this improvement.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to submit the following report on a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fifteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that East Seventy-second street, between Madison and Park avenues, be repaved with asphalt, said resolution having been transmitted to this office, with a letter dated June 21, from the Secretary of the Board.

The present oblong granite pavement on that part of Seventy-second street was laid in 1887, and is now in excellent condition. The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement, with guarantee of maintenance for fifteen years, is \$8,400, chargeable to the appropriation for "Repaving Streets and Avenues," 1899, which is exhausted.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication was read and placed on file :

FRANCIS H. VAN VECHTEN, COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW, }
BOROUGH OF QUEENS, July 14, 1899. }

To the Honorable the Board of Public Improvement of The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—In view of the delay which unavoidably occurs each time an application is made for a permit to open streets in the Fourth Ward of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, and also in view of the fact that should a break occur in water-mains great damage might result before we could obtain a permit to open the street and make the necessary repair and that we are receiving constant complaint from consumers or inhabitants desiring to secure a water supply by reason of our inability to obtain a requisite permit, and also in view of the fact that by change of the grade of the streets a large number of hydrants have been left in a position where it would be almost impossible to use them for fire purposes, we respectfully ask that we be granted a general permit permitting the company to open the streets for the purpose of tapping, repairing and laying service pipes, replacing of valves and repairing hydrants and doing all other work which may be necessary, other than extending water-mains. Let the permit distinctly state that it confers no right to extend water-mains, but applies only to such purpose as we have stated. We further state that we are willing to execute a bond in a reasonable amount to The City of New York, giving such surety company as you may designate as a security and the bond to be conditioned that the company will restore the pavement of all streets which may be opened

by it without any cost to The City of New York, and also that we will pay all damages which may result from the opening of the streets to any person.

Asking that this matter may be acted upon speedily, we remain,

Respectfully,

THE JAMAICA WATER SUPPLY COMPANY.

By C. A. LOCKWOOD, President.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read, and placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 13, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated the 30th ultimo, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Municipal Assembly, recommending that a crosswalk be laid at the intersection of Sixth avenue and Broadway, forming a continuance of the westerly sidewalk of Broadway.

In reply, I beg to report that the work recommended in the resolution of the Municipal Assembly has been executed.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following report from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read and placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, }
NEW YORK, July 12, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, Nos. 13 to 21 Park Row, City :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a communication from your office dated June 9, inclosing copies of two communications from the President of the Borough of Richmond, containing resolutions of the Local Board of said borough, recommending the following additional street lighting, etc. :

One electric light at the intersection of St. Paul's avenue and Trossach road.

Lighting Fisher, Wood and Johnson avenues, and Church, William and Centre streets, between Amboy avenue and Broadway.

The matter was referred to the Deputy of this Department in the Borough of Richmond, for investigation and report, and, upon receipt of his report, I directed that he issue an order for lighting the above-described territory.

Very truly yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was approved and placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, }
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 10, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication dated the 10th ultimo, addressed to you by the President of the Borough of Queens, embodying a resolution of the Local Board of that

Borough, which calls for the laying of water-mains in Union avenue, Grove street, Cook avenue, Summit avenue, Prospect avenue, etc., in the section of Elmhurst, Second Ward of that Borough, I respectfully report that from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department I find that there is only one house on all the streets and avenues mentioned in the petition to be supplied with water, and that under the present conditions of water supply, when all the available supply is needed for actual and present necessities, I do not consider it good public policy to extend the public water supply for the sole purpose of enhancing the value of private property.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
July 18, 1899. }

Col. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements*, City of New York :

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board of the Fifth District, held on July 11, a resolution providing for the opening of Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Eighty-third streets, and between Eighty-sixth street and Dyker Beach Park, which was passed on July 6, and forwarded to you under date of July 6, was amended to read as follows :

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-ninth street and Eighty-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn."

The above resolution was considered by the Board of Public Improvements at its meeting on July 12, and the amendment as indicated above was then made by the President of the Borough in the papers which you have on file.

Respectfully,

J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

The following communication from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
NEW YORK, July 17, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements* :

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at their meeting held July 13, 1899, authorizing a lease of rooms in building at No. 21 Jackson avenue, Borough of Queens, for the use of the Topographical Bureau of the Board of Public Improvements.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR J. LEVEY, Secretary, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby requested to prepare a lease to the City from the Long Island City Savings Bank, a corporation, of the six rooms on the third floor of the building No. 21 Jackson avenue, Borough of Queens, for a term of three years from the date of occupation, with the privilege of a renewal, at a rental of fifty dollars (\$50) per month, including heat and services of a janitor, to be used as a branch office for the Topographical Bureau of the Board of Public Improvements ; the lessor to remove the range, set tubs and bath tub, and if required one or two of the partitions between the rear rooms, increase the facilities of the lava-

tory and place the entire floor in first-class tenantable repair; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deeming the said rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interest of the City that such lease be made, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, as provided by sections 149 and 217 of the Greater New York Charter.

A true copy of resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, July 13, 1899.

EDGAR J. LEVEY, Secretary.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read and filed :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 18, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of 7th instant from the Secretary of your Board was transmitted to me, for attention and report, a copy of a communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, embodying a resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District of that borough calling for the laying of a water-main in Avenue D, between Ocean parkway and Coney Island avenue.

I desire to report that the avenue is in the Twenty-ninth Ward of the Borough of Brooklyn, where the water supply is furnished by the Flatbush Waterworks Company, and from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department I find that there is no objection to granting a permit to that company to lay the main on the condition that no charge shall be made for hydrant service for any hydrants which may be placed thereon. In pursuance of the resolution adopted by your Board on May 17, I have issued the permit to the company to lay the main with the condition stated.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 18, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring for report and investigation a communication from the Commissioner of Highways forwarding a proposition by N. J. Vanderweyde for widening certain streets and avenues south of Fourteenth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, I wish to state that the propositions have certainly some merit. I am compelled, however, to request that the Board of Public Improvements defer action in the matter of such importance, because preliminary studies which are under way in the Topographical Bureau, and which are partially dependent on the final location of the East River Bridges, will take care of all such matters. A copy of the suggestion has been placed on file, and due consideration will be given to the matter. I return herewith the papers in the matter.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

NO. 378 MOTT AVENUE, NEW YORK, July 18, 1899.

MR. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—Our communication of May 23, 1899, referred to your Board, and action taken July 6, 1899, was filed by your Board, which we think is not right, upon the report of your Chief Topographical Engineer, Louis A. Risse.

Our deed calls for our property to be located on the southeast corner of Railroad avenue and One Hundred and Seventieth street (late Eighth street), being 150 feet on One Hundred and Seventieth street and 290.4 feet on Railroad avenue, as laid down on map of the Village of Morrisania, dated August 10, 1848, etc., which shows the Harlem Railroad to be 66 feet wide, and whose lines has not been changed with Railroad avenue, 50 feet wide, which was ceded to New York City as such, and the monument was so placed by the Park Department about the year 1889. Mr. Louis A. Risse knows very well that there was always more or less surplus in the blocks laid out by Andrew Finley, Surveyor. But the property-owners have no right to it and furthermore no title in the fee, so they cannot build upon or sell and give a clean title to the same. Mr. Risse says we failed to use such land on the south end of our property. The same thing exists to-day on the north end, on the One Hundred and Seventieth street front, but fenced in by the parties on the Washington avenue front.

The surveyor did not find any stake upon the ground when he made the survey January 25, 1892, as he would have to if it was there, as he had to dig down about three feet for the monument.

By the opening of Vanderbilt avenue, June, 1889, we was assessed for the same on the corner of One Hundred and Seventieth street, 100 feet on the avenue and 150 feet deep the balance of the block, 146 feet to supposed new line of Washington avenue.

One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street sewer, May, 1890, was assessed 290.5 on Railroad avenue by no depth except the Ward 36 and Block Number 1248.

Brook avenue sewer, July, 1890, was assessed 290.5 on Railroad avenue by 150 feet in depth, the balance of the block, 146 feet to supposed new line of Washington avenue.

Vanderbilt avenue sewer, March, 1891, One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street to One Hundred and Seventieth street, was assessed 290.5 feet on Vanderbilt avenue by 150 feet in depth, and nothing on Washington avenue.

Basin northeast and southeast corners of Vanderbilt avenue and One Hundred and Seventieth street, May, 1893, was assessed 250 feet on Vanderbilt avenue by 150 feet on One Hundred and Seventieth street, the balance on One Hundred and Seventieth street, 152 feet, to the old line of Washington avenue. This was after said stake was set, according to Mr. Risse.

One Hundred and Seventieth street sewer, June, 1893, was assessed 150 feet on One Hundred and Seventieth street by 250 feet on Vanderbilt avenue. The balance of the block on One Hundred and Seventieth street, 146 feet to supposed new line of Washington avenue, and 152 feet to old line of Washington avenue.

Webster avenue sewer, July, 1894, was assessed 250 feet on Vanderbilt avenue by 150 feet on One Hundred and Seventieth street, and the balance of block, 146 feet, to supposed new line of Washington avenue, and 152 feet to old line of Washington avenue.

One Hundred and Seventieth street regulating and grading, May, 1895, was assessed 150 feet on One Hundred and Seventieth street and the balance of the block 152 feet to Washington avenue. There is on this map 37 feet for roadway on Vanderbilt avenue and 13 feet for the sidewalk, which we claim is correct. In my letter of May 23, 1899, to the Local Board of Improvements, and assessed by separate Ward number as per survey, Vanderbilt avenue, East, regulating and grading, December, 1895, we was assessed 148 feet of 150 feet on One

Hundred and Seventieth street, by 290.5 feet on Vanderbilt avenue, and by separate Ward numbers as per survey inclosed.

One Hundred and Seventieth street opening, from Franklin to Boston avenue, June, 1896, assessed on One Hundred and Seventieth street 150 feet, and the balance of block 146 feet to supposed new line of Washington avenue, and by separate Ward numbers as per survey.

Crotona Park, South, opening, June, 1897, was assessed 150 feet on One Hundred and Seventieth street, and the balance of the block 146 feet to supposed new line of Washington avenue, and by separate Ward numbers as per survey.

The actual measurements of the land and figures on final maps do not agree according to the maps in One Hundred and Seventieth street, between Railroad avenue and Third avenue.

We respectfully ask that the monument on the northeast corner of Vanderbilt avenue and One Hundred and Seventieth street be reset as of 1890.

Yours respectfully,

VAN RIPER & I.A. COSTE.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the hole in the pavement at the intersection of Park avenue and Ninety-seventh street with granite blocks on a concrete foundation, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four hundred and twenty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the hole in the pavement at the intersection of

Park avenue and Ninety-seventh street with granite blocks on a concrete foundation, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four hundred and twenty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

"And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the carriageway, with asphalt on a concrete foundation, of Ninety-second street, between West End avenue and Riverside drive, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the carriageway with asphalt on a concrete foundation of Ninety-second street, between West End avenue and Riverside Drive, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same

hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

"And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Park place, between Albany avenue and Troy avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the paving of the carriageway, with asphalt pavement, and the setting or resetting of the curb, and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eight thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-eight thousand eight hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Park place, between Albany avenue and Troy avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the paving of the carriageway with asphalt pavement, and the setting or resetting of the curb, and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of the said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways,

be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eight thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-eight thousand eight hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Morgan avenue, from Johnson avenue to Benton street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board, an estimate, in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ninety-two thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three million two hundred and eighteen thousand two hundred and twenty-two dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—The Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Nostrand avenue, between Vernon avenue and Avenue C, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fourteen thousand four hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Church avenue, between Nostrand avenue and New York avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eleven thousand four hundred and twenty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioners of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in East Thirty-second street, between Church avenue and Avenue C, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-nine thousand three hundred and eighty-five dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Sutter avenue, between Williams and Alabama avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four hundred and thirty-five dollars. The said

assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand six hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Ralph avenue, between St. Mark's avenue and Bergen street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four hundred and thirty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twelve thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer-basin at the northeast corner of Schenck avenue and New Lots avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Sixty-ninth street, between

Avenue A and Exterior street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and five thousand eight hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Twelfth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Twelfth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper Department be instructed to fence vacant lot No. 54, Avenue D,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twelve dollars and fifty cents. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eight thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 40 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Twentieth District in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Twentieth District, of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper Department be instructed to proceed to have the vacant lots situated at Nos. 208 to 218 East Ninety-sixth street fenced," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work of improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, or the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and fifty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-eight thousand two hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of The Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that lots lying on the north side of Decatur street, between Hopkinson avenue and Broadway, known as lots Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 26 and 62, Block 105, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is fifty-six dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand five hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Twentieth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or

improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Twentieth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be instructed to proceed to have the vacant lots on Ninetieth street, between First and Second avenues, north side, fenced,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is fifty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twelve thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the vacant lots on the south side of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, about 125 feet west of Eighth avenue and extending westward 50 feet, be fenced,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that crosswalks be laid across the Boulevard at the northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and the southerly line of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one thousand and twenty-eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the west side of Central avenue, between Grove street and Linden street, known as Lots Nos. 33 to 40, Block 33, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be graded to the grade of the adjoining street, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value according to the last preceding tax-roll of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is eleven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eight thousand eight hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, July 26, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways (Deputy Commissioner Shannon), the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of July 12, 1899, were approved.

In the matter of closing Eleventh avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing on July 26, as provided by law.

Mr. Isidor Wasservogel, representing Mr. Edwin Sands, property-owner, appeared in opposition to the proposed closing, and filed the following protest :

In the Matter of Closing of Eleventh Avenue (Brooklyn Borough).

The undersigned, an owner of land on Eleventh avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, objects to the closing and discontinuing of said avenue, from Forty-third street to New Utrecht avenue, for the following reasons :

I.—That there is no public demand for the closing of Eleventh avenue between the street and avenue named, and it is not for the public interest to make a change in the Map of The City of New York.

II.—That under chapter 554, Laws of 1881, in pursuance of the provisions of which the said avenue was originally opened, the lands for which awards were made vested in the Town of New Utrecht for purposes of a public street or highway, The City of New York succeeding to all the rights of such town. That the West Brooklyn Land and Improvement Company received for

land taken on said avenue \$2,799. That the Borough Park Company is the successor in interest of the West Brooklyn Land and Improvement Company.

III.—That under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191, Laws of 1888, application was made to the Supreme Court, County of Kings, on June 29, 1899, and the appointment then made of Commissioners of Estimate for the acquisition of title by The City of New York to certain lands to be used for school purposes, and one of the pieces described in the application included all of Eleventh avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, title to which is now in The City of New York, and which the resolution of your Honorable Board of July 12, 1899, contemplates transferring to the owners of the abutting land, the Borough Park Company.

IV.—That under section 995 of the Charter of The City of New York, it is required that, when any land belonging to The City of New York, or wherein it may be interested, is taken from the said City, the City shall be entitled to compensation and recompense for the loss sustained; no claim for compensation being demanded thus far by your Honorable Board. That the Local Board of Improvements, Fifth District, while recommending the closing of one end of Eleventh avenue, has so far recognized the public necessity for the extension of this highway by recommending at one of its meetings the opening of another portion of said avenue, such recommendation to be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements.

V.—That by the closing of the avenue for the distance mentioned, Eleventh avenue will be changed from being a main thoroughfare, as contemplated in the original opening, this highway giving egress on or adjacent to the Fort Hamilton Boulevard, Eleventh avenue being the first numbered avenue not stopped by Greenwood Cemetery above Fifth avenue, as shown by the map of The City of New York. That the stoppage of Eleventh avenue at New Utrecht avenue is paved with belgian blocks for only 22 feet, the raised tracks and cross-ties of the railroad on the balance of the avenue preventing the use of the remainder of the roadway for the purpose of turning horses and wagons either north or south.

VI.—That in the corporation notice dated July 12, 1899, giving notice of a hearing before your Honorable Board, such notice as printed in one of the corporation notices, to wit, The "Brooklyn Eagle," describes the point or place of beginning of part of the avenue to be closed as 600 feet distant from Twelfth avenue, whereas the undersigned, from information available, verily believes that point sought for is 700 feet from Twelfth avenue.

VII.—That upon the opening of said avenue, the petitioner paid an assessment of \$219.23. That such assessment was paid for the opening of the whole of Eleventh avenue, and that your petitioner is entitled to the benefit of such payment.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that the application to close said Eleventh avenue be denied.

EDWIN SANDS, Petitioner.

SANDS & WASSERVOGEL, Attorneys for Petitioners,

No. 87 Nassau street, Manhattan Borough, New York.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 12th day of July, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Eleventh avenue, from Forty-third street to New Utrecht avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which meeting such proposed closing and discontinuing would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed closing and discontinuing would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 26th day of July, 1899; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, and of the publishers of the corporation newspapers, that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 26th day of July, 1899; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed closing and discontinuing who have appeared, and such proposed closing and discontinuing was duly considered by this Board; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Eleventh avenue, from Forty-third street to New Utrecht avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to close and discontinue the aforesaid avenue, as follows :

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Forty-third street where it intersects the eastern line of Eleventh avenue, being distant 700 feet from Twelfth avenue; running thence southerly and at right angles to Forty-third street to the northern line of Forty-fifth street for ± 460.74 feet; thence westerly along the northern line of Forty-fifth street and the eastern line of New Utrecht avenue for ± 92.22 feet; thence northerly on a line parallel to the eastern line of Eleventh avenue and 80 feet distant therefrom to the southern line of Forty-third street for ± 438.47 feet; thence easterly along the southern line of Forty-third street for 80 feet to the point of beginning, excepting the area included in crossing of Forty-fourth street.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Eleventh avenue, Brooklyn, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Eleventh avenue, from Forty-third street to New Utrecht avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to close and discontinue the aforesaid avenue as follows :

Beginning at a point in the southern line of Forty-third street where it intersects the eastern line of Eleventh avenue, being distant 700 feet from Twelfth avenue ; running thence southerly and at right angles to Forty-third street to the northern line of Forty-fifth street for ± 460.74 feet ; thence westerly along the northern line of Forty-fifth street and the eastern line of New Utrecht avenue for ± 92.22 feet ; thence northerly on a line parallel to the eastern line of Eleventh avenue and 80 feet distant therefrom to the southern line of Forty-third street for ± 438.47 feet ; thence easterly along the southern line of Forty-third street for 80 feet to the point of beginning, excepting the area included in crossing of Forty-fourth street.

The following communication from the Mayor was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }
July 24, 1899. }

JOHN H. MOONEY, Esq., *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements, New York City* :

DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Mayor to transmit to you, herewith inclosed, a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements, June 14, 1899, relative to the widening of West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street for the approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at that point. The resolution has been approved by the Mayor and his approval is recorded at the foot thereof.

Very respectfully yours,

RICHARD S. FARLEY, Acting Secretary to the Mayor.

Thereupon the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The resolution adopted by this Board on the 14th day of June, 1899, to change the map or plan of The City of New York, by widening West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, between Lenox avenue and the United States pier and bulkhead line of the Harlem river, for the approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, has been approved by the Mayor on the 24th day of July, 1899,

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify three similar maps or plans showing such changes as aforesaid, and he is further directed to file one of the said maps or plans so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one in the office of the Corporation Counsel and one in the office of this Board.

The matter of the proposed laying out of a new street between East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, from Prospect to Stebbins avenue, Borough of The Bronx, which was laid over at the last meeting, was brought up for consideration, and the following agreement was submitted by the owners of the property through which the new street is to pass :

In the Matter

of

The proposed laying out of a new street, between East One Hundred and Sixty-third and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets, and Prospect and Stebbins avenues.

Opposition having been made to the proposed laying out of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, between East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Prospect and Stebbins avenues, in the Borough of the Bronx,

We, the Palen-Thompson Corporation, of No. 55 Liberty street, New York City, the petitioners herein, and the owners of the property on both sides of said proposed street, do hereby agree that as soon as such street is legally laid out and adopted by the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly, in accordance with our petition, to dedicate or cede the land within such proposed street for the use of the general public, and to open, sewer, gutter and pave said street at our own expense.

Dated July 25, 1899.

PALEN-THOMPSON CORPORATION,

[SEAL.]

By GEO. PALEN, President.

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

On the 26th day of July, in the year 1899, before me personally came George Palen, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resided in The City of New York ; that he is the president of the Palen-Thompson Corporation, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument ; that he knew the seal of said corporation ; that the seal affixed to said instrument was such corporate seal ; that it was so affixed by order of the board of directors of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

HENRY R. HAM, Notary Public, Kings County,

Certificate filed in New York County.

Mr. E. A. Acker, representing property-owners, objected to the naming of the street One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, and Mr. Henry H. Sherman, also representing property-owners, withdrew his objections to the laying out of the proposed street, but objected to any effort being made to renew the opening through of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Trinity avenue to Prospect avenue.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 21st day of June, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street to be known as East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Prospect avenue to Stebbins avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 19th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 19th day of July, 1899; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out who have appeared, and such proposed laying out was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street to be known as East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Prospect avenue to Stebbins avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to lay out the aforesaid street as follows:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Prospect avenue, distant 165.56 feet southerly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, with the eastern line of Prospect avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Prospect avenue for 50.0 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 258.88 feet to the western line of Stebbins avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Stebbins avenue for 52.14 feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 244.11 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly:

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz.:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a new street to be known as East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Prospect avenue to Stebbins avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, in the

Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to lay out the aforesaid street as follows :

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Prospect avenue, distant 165.56 feet southerly from the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street with the eastern line of Prospect avenue ;

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Prospect avenue for 50.0 feet ;

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 258.88 feet to the western line of Stebbins avenue ;

3d. Thence northerly along the western line of Stebbins avenue for 52.14 feet ;

4th. Thence westerly for 244.11 feet to the point of beginning.

The matter of the proposed widening and extending of Delap place, in the Borough of Queens, which was laid over from the meeting of July 12, came up for consideration.

Mr. J. B. Smith and Mrs. Mary H. Ryder, property-owners, appeared in opposition to the proposed widening, and the following petitions were submitted in favor thereof :

NATIONAL UNION BANK, No. 32 NASSAU STREET, }
NEW YORK, July 25, 1899. }

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Esq., *President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :*

DEAR SIR—Finding it impossible for me to leave the bank at the hour set for the hearing on the Delap place matter, I would like to express myself in favor of the opening for the reason that it will improve the property and give us some of the benefits for which we pay taxes. I am an owner of property on Delap place.

Very respectfully,

DAVID NEVINS.

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Esq., *President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City, N. Y. :*

DEAR SIR—As an owner of property on Delap place, Borough of Queens, and finding it will be impossible for me to be present at the meeting of your Board at which time the matter of opening said Delap place comes up for your consideration, I desire to express myself in favor of the opening of said street, believing that it will be a benefit to the city, the neighborhood, and to myself as an owner, and I trust the Board will pass the resolution.

Yours respectfully,

ABRAM S. FRANCIS, No. 16 Delap place.

JAMAICA, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, NEW YORK, July 25, 1899.

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Esq., *President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :*

DEAR SIR—It is not convenient for me to attend the meeting of your Board on July 26, 1899, at which time the opening of Delap place, Jamaica, is to be considered.

As a resident and owner I am very much in favor of having the street opened through to Bergen avenue, as it will be a great benefit to the property. I pay taxes and have no benefit of improvements that the other sections have.

Yours truly,

CHAS. CONLON.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, {
NEW YORK, July 19, 1899. }MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Esq., *President, Board of Public Improvements :*

DEAR SIR—Finding it impossible, by absence from the city, to attend the meeting of the Board of Public Improvements, to be held on July 26, 1899, in which opening of Delap place, Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, comes up for the consideration of the Board, I beg to say that I am in favor of this street being opened, as I am an owner of property on Delap place. As the street is now it is a detriment to the property and to the immediate surroundings. If opened it will be an improvement to the property owners, and place us in a position to make improvements.

Trusting that your body will give this matter your due consideration, I am,

Yours respectfully,

J. P. FORBELL.

THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK, {
NEW YORK, July 26, 1899. }MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Esq., *President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :*

DEAR SIR—Finding it impossible for me to leave the office at the hour set for the hearing on the Delap place matter, I would like to express myself in favor of the opening, for the reason that it will improve the property and give us some of the benefits for which we pay taxes.

I am an owner of property on Delap place.

Respectfully yours,

L. C. HAYNES.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Whereas, The President of this Board has prepared, completed and submitted to this Board, for its concurrence and approval, a map or plan, of the final maps of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, showing the laying out of Delap place, between Grand street and Bergen avenue, in the Fourth Ward of the said Borough of Queens, City of New York, located and laid out by the said President of this Board, in pursuance of section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Resolved, That this Board does hereby give its consent and approval to the said map or plan, of the said final maps and profiles of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, prepared by the President of this Board, under authority of section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897 ; dated May 31, 1899, and signed Louis A. Risse, Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse, and which is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and he is hereby designated and directed, in pursuance of the provisions of said section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, to cause three similar sets of said map or plan, of the said final maps and profiles of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, to be certified by him, and by the Secretary of this Board, and to be filed in the manner now prescribed by law, one set so certified in the office of the Register of the County of Queens, one in the office of the Corporation Counsel, and one in the office of this Board.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 24, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—The residents of Creston avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street and One Hundred and Eighty-ninth (Welch) street, requested, through Col. J. A. Goulden, President of the Taxpayers' Alliance, that the shade trees which stand on the sidewalks of this avenue be saved from being destroyed on account of the present surface being slightly higher than the filed grade. I have examined the street and find that a slight alteration of the grades would save all the trees, and have prepared the accompanying map for the consideration of the Board of Public Improvements and for a public hearing.

I recommend, however, that, before taking action in the matter, the map be referred to the Department of Highways for their approval.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

On the statement of counsel representing property-owners opposed to the widening and extending of Cauldwell avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx (resolution for which was adopted on July 19), that they had not been notified of the hearing, the matter was reopened for the purpose of hearing their arguments against the proposed widening.

On the request of Mr. Moses Weinman, representing Mr. Ebling, the matter was laid over for two weeks.

In the matter of the proposed widening of Tremont avenue, Borough of The Bronx, which was laid over at the meeting of July 19, the following petitions were filed :

NEW YORK, July, 1899.

To the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—Your petitioners, the undersigned, are owners of Tremont avenue property, and are opposed to the proposition to widen Tremont avenue, from Third avenue to West Farms (from 75 feet to 100 feet), and ask that the width of the avenue be left as it is.

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. RANDALL and others.

To the Honorable Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that we have subscribed our names hereto, and as property-owners on Tremont avenue protest against the proposition to re-widen Tremont avenue, from 75 to 100 feet, in width, between Third avenue and Bronx river, West Farms, Bronx Borough.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O'TOOLE and others.

The undersigned property-owners in Tremont avenue oppose the widening of said avenue 25 feet, and in favor of widening the roadway 7 feet.

PETER CUYHLIN and others.

CLARK, BUNNETT AND COMPANY (LIMITED),
OFFICE NOS. 162 AND 164 WEST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET, }
NEW YORK, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. M. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :

DEAR SIR—As a taxpayer and one who is interested in the widening of Tremont avenue to the extent of 50 feet front, and a house on the same, I was very much opposed to the idea of widening this street, until I got to the meeting at your office, July 19, 1899.

I beg to thank you for your remarks in that meeting, suggesting the advisability of having the line fixed on the maps 100 feet and leave the purchasing of the land for future consideration, thus fixing line for future buildings ; therefore, will not be obliged to pay for block of improved property when they do come to purchase the land.

In 1870, a few years after the close of the war, I remember very well how I saw buildings torn down in the main thoroughfare in Kansas City, widening the street for the third time in the brief history of that city, a clear illustration to my mind what is in store for Tremont avenue, if men will not look a little beyond their immediate interests or their own pocket books.

I, for one, therefore, earnestly hope you will do all you can to press the point to have the maps made and the line fixed to govern future building operations for the present. Awaiting future developments about the land.

Yours very truly,

J. D. THOMAS, Morris Heights, New York.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, }
NEW YORK, July 21, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of May 2, 1899, from the Secretary of your Board, was transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a copy of a communication from the Queens County Water Company, applying for permission to extend its mains through Bayswater avenue and Waterview place, in the Fifth Ward of the Borough of Queens, as shown on an accompanying diagram.

From report which I now have from the Chief Engineer of this Department I find that the distance for which the proposed mains are to be laid is 720 feet, on which one fire hydrant is required, and that there is no objection to the granting of the desired permission for laying the mains and placing one hydrant.

The diagram is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Queens County Water Company to extend its mains through Bayswater avenue and Waterview place, in the Fifth Ward, Borough of Queens, and place one (1) fire-hydrant thereon, when they have executed the supplemental agreement in accordance with the resolution of this Board of August 24, 1898.

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Highways to grant a permit to open the streets for the laying of the above mains, upon presentation of the permit granted by the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, }
NEW YORK, July 18, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In November last your Board received a petition from the property-owners on Fresh Pond road, Borough of Queens, addressed to the Citizens' Water Supply Company, requesting that water-mains be laid along said road, and the matter was referred to me for investigation and report.

I now have report from the Chief Engineer of this Department, from which I find that there is no objection to giving permission to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay water-mains in Fresh Pond road, from Myrtle to Cooper avenue, for a distance of 800 feet, on which there are three dwellings and a fire-engine house to be supplied with water, and that two hydrants be placed on the main for fire protection. I therefore recommend that permission be given to the Citizens' Water Supply Company accordingly.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

And the following resolutions were thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay water-mains in Fresh Pond road, from Myrtle avenue to Cooper avenue, in the Borough of Queens, and place two (2) fire-hydrants thereon.

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Highways to grant a permit to open the streets for laying the above mains upon the presentation of the permit granted by the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 20, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—By letter of May 2, 1899, I informed the Corporation Counsel that your Board has referred to me, for investigation and report, a communication from the Queens County Water Supply Company, accepting terms and requirements of the resolution of the Board adopted August 24, 1898, respecting hydrant service by private water companies, and I requested him to

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examine as to the validity of the contracts of that company, and to have drawn a proper form of a new contract to conform to the requirements of the resolution of August 24, 1898.

I now have the opinion of the Corporation Counsel dated the 14th instant, that the three contracts in question, viz.: Between the Queens Water Company and the Village of Arverne-by-the-Sea; between the same company and the Village of Rockaway Beach; and between the same company and the Village of Far Rockaway, are valid contracts, and I have a further communication from him of same date, transmitting to me the draft of a new and supplementary contract to conform to the requirements of the resolution of your Board, this draft having been approved by the Corporation Counsel as to form.

I herewith submit the contract to the Board for its approval.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

(Copy.)

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, {
NEW YORK, July 14, 1899.

Hon. WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply:

DEAR SIR—I received a communication from Hon. James H. Haslin, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply, dated September 21, 1898, of which the following is a copy:

“I have the honor to submit herewith, for your examination and for advice as to the validity thereof, an executed copy of the contract dated December 28, 1897, between the Village of Rockaway Beach and the Queens County Water Company, for fire-hydrant service in that village for a term of five years, at \$20 per annum for each hydrant, which please return with your reply.

“This copy of the contract has been received from the company, through the Auditor of the Department of Finance for the Borough of Queens and the Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply of that borough, on presentation of a claim for hydrant service, and the Auditor requests that it be approved and certified to by me.”

I have this day sent you a communication in which I stated that in my opinion this was a valid contract binding upon The City of New York.

I return herewith the contract sent to me.

Yours respectfully,

THEODORE CONNOLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE QUEENS COUNTY WATER COMPANY AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

This agreement, made and entered into this day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, by and between The City of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of Water Supply, duly authorized so to do by the Board of Public Improvements, party of the first part, and The Queens County Water Company, a domestic corporation, party of the second part, pursuant to the provisions of the Greater New York Charter, and pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Public Improvements dated July , 1899, assenting to and authorizing and approving the execution of this agreement:

Whereas, The party of the second part did heretofore, and on the 28th day of December, 1897, enter into an agreement with the Village of Rockaway Beach for the supply of water for the extinguishment of fires and for other purposes, and for a period of five years from the first day of July, 1897, and

Whereas, The said Village of Rockaway Beach was, by the provisions of the Greater New York Charter, annexed to, united and consolidated and became a part of The City of New York ; and

Whereas, On the 24th day of August, 1898, the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, at its regular meeting held on that day, did adopt the preamble and resolutions, of which the following is a copy :

“ IN MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, AUGUST 24, 1898.

“ Whereas, According to the report of the Commissioner of Water Supply, there are certain contracts now existing, made with private water companies by the authorities of the former municipal bodies now consolidated with and incorporated in The City of New York, for the supplying of water and the erection of fire-hydrants in connection therewith ; and

“ Whereas, The prices charged by the companies for the maintenance and supply of hydrants are, according to said contracts, large and excessive ; and

“ Whereas, In accordance with the new Charter of The City of New York, this Board is given the supervision of the rates, rules, etc., in connection with said water supply by said private water companies ; and

“ Whereas, There is not at present any fixed and established rate of charge in connection with the maintenance and supply of fire hydrants, nor rules governing the supply of water furnished by said water companies ; now be it

“ Resolved, That for all hydrants which may hereafter be erected by private water companies the said companies shall receive the fixed price or sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum for each and every hydrant ; and be it also

“ Resolved, That for such price or sum they shall agree to furnish all the water that is necessary for fire purposes and for flushing sewers, and in addition thereto five hundred gallons of water per day for each hydrant for two hundred days in the year, where needed for sprinkling purposes by the City Departments ; and be it also

“ Resolved, That pure and wholesome water shall be furnished at a pressure of at least twenty-five pounds per square inch at each hydrant, and the hydrant shall be kept in perfect repair ; and be it further

“ Resolved, That before consent can be given by this Board for the issuing of any permits to extend water-mains or to erect hydrants by private water companies, an agreement must be executed by said private water companies accepting the rates and rules as set forth in this resolution,” and

Whereas, The said Queens County Water Company has made application for leave to extend its mains within the territory covered by said contract as specified in its application, and has, through its president, signified its willingness to conform and agree to the requirements contained in the said resolutions of the Board of Public Improvements ;

Now, therefore, this agreement witnesseth that the said Queens County Water Company, for and in consideration of receiving permits to extend its mains as specified in its application, and for and in consideration of one dollar to it in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby agree to and with the said The City of New York as follows, namely :

First—That for all hydrants which may be hereafter erected by said company, the said company agrees to accept the fixed price or sum of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum for each and every such hydrant.

Second—That for such price or sum said company agrees to furnish all the water that is necessary for fire purposes and for flushing sewers, and, in addition thereto, five hundred gallons of water per day for each hydrant for two hundred days in the year where needed for sprinkling purposes by the City Departments.

Third—Said company agrees that pure and wholesome water shall be furnished at a pressure of at least twenty-five pounds per square inch at each hydrant, and the hydrants shall be kept in perfect repair.

Fourth—And it is further mutually agreed between the parties hereto that this contract shall not be construed as validating or recognizing the aforesaid contract between the said Queens County Water Company and the Village of Rockaway Beach as a valid and binding contract upon The City of New York, but as independent thereto.

Fifth—It is further mutually agreed that this contract shall cease and determine when the aforesaid contract ceases and determines.

Sixth—It is further mutually agreed that this contract may be determined by either party on giving sixty days' notice in writing to the other party.

This contract, preliminary to its execution, has been submitted in its details to the Board of Public Improvements, and after such submission the assent of the said Board of Public Improvements has been given by resolution to the execution of this contract as submitted, said resolution having been passed on the day of July, 1899.

In Witness Whereof, the Commissioner of Water Supply, for and on behalf of the party of the first part, has hereunto set his hand, and the said party of the second part has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be subscribed by its President and Secretary, the day and year first above written.

Approved as to form :

THEODORE CONNOLLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

On this day of , 1899, before me personally came at the county aforesaid, William Dalton, to me known and known to me to be the Commissioner of Water Supply and the person described in and who executed the foregoing agreement or contract, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

State of New York, County of New York, ss. :

On this day of , 1899, before me personally came , to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides at No. street ; that he is the Secretary of the Queens County Water Company, the corporation described in and which has executed the foregoing instrument ; that he knew the corporate seal of the said corporation ; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is such corporate seal, and that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of the said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by a like order as Secretary of said corporation.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That the form of supplemental agreement with the Queens County Water Company, submitted by the Commissioner of Water Supply in accordance with the resolution of this Board adopted August 24, 1898, be and is hereby approved.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, {
NEW YORK, July 21, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of 14th instant from the Secretary of your Board was referred to me for investigation and report, the inclosed communications of June 3 and July 11 instant, in reference to desired extensions of the company's water-mains in the section known as Wave Crest in, the former Village of Far Rockaway, Fifth Ward, Borough of Queens.

From report which I now have from the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that the distance for which the mains are to be extended is 1,000 feet, on which there are eleven large houses requiring water service and fire protection, and that three hydrants are necessary to be placed on the mains.

I therefore recommend that the permission applied for be granted. The map which accompanied the application to your Board is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

OFFICE OF THE QUEENS COUNTY WATER COMPANY, {
FAR ROCKAWAY, N. Y., June 3, 1899. }

To the Board of Public Improvements, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The Queens County Water Company has received applications from property-owners in Wave Crest, a portion of Far Rockaway, Fifth Ward, Borough of Queens, for an extension of the company's mains along their property, and the company is willing to make such extensions with consent of your Honorable Board.

There are seven large houses, colored red on annexed diagram, supplied by small private services of great length. The object of the extension is to afford better service to these houses and others in the neighborhood similarly supplied. The best service which it is possible to give customers through existing small pipes is unsatisfactory and the Water Company is constantly in receipt of complaints.

The company requests that permission be granted to lay a four and six inch main as shown in red on the annexed diagram, and proposes to set such hydrants as you may direct, under provisions of the existing contract, the main to be laid and hydrants set in accordance with the terms and conditions heretofore stated and imposed by your Board and accepted by this company.

It is the intention of the company to apply for permission to continue the four and six inch mains and connect with an eight-inch main, permission to lay which has already been applied for, the application being now under consideration by your Board.

There is no fire protection in this neighborhood, and three hydrants on the proposed main would afford protection to eleven houses.

Yours respectfully,

FRANKLIN B. LORD, President.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Queens County Water Company to extend its mains in the section known as Wave Crest, in the former Village of Far Rockaway, Fifth Ward, Borough of Queens, and place three (3) fire-hydrants thereon, when they have executed the supplemental agreement in accordance with the resolution of this Board of August 24, 1898.

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Highways to grant a permit to open the streets for laying the above mains, upon presentation of the permit granted by the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, July 20, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have received through the President of the Borough of Brooklyn a petition signed by 32 property-owners, asking that water-mains be laid in Van Siclen street, between Neck road and Kings highway in the Borough of Brooklyn, and from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that the water-mains are necessary, there being 28 houses to be supplied with water on a distance of 3,100 feet ; the estimated cost of the mains is \$3,000.

I therefore submit for adoption by your Board, and for presentation in the Municipal Assembly, drafts of a resolution and an ordinance authorizing the laying of these mains, and the payment of the cost from the proceeds of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, heretofore authorized to be issued for the purpose of laying water-mains in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted, and the accompanying form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Van Sicklen street, between Neck road and Kings highway, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York, heretofore authorized to be issued for laying water-mains in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

(Form of Ordinance.)

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Van Sicklen street, between Neck road and Kings highway, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York, heretofore authorized to be issued for laying water-mains in the Borough of Brooklyn."

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 25, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, plan and profile of proposed sewer to drain a building known as the Swedish School-house on the west side of Central Park, connecting the same with sewer in Manhattan square, and thence with the public sewer in Seventy-seventh street, I have to state that there is no sewer laid in Eighth avenue at the present time, and that the existing sewer in Manhattan square is the only sewer with which the sewer coming from the Swedish School-house can be connected.

The existing sewer in Manhattan square is large enough, and I recommend, therefore, that the application be approved.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, That, in accordance with section 439, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, this Board hereby approves of the plan submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers for the modification of Sewerage District No. 1, B. D., plan for sewer from Swedish School-house in Central Park, to the existing sewer in Manhattan square, Borough of Manhattan.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Department of Street Cleaning was read, and the President was directed to communicate with the Municipal Assembly, calling the attention of that Body to the importance of passing the ordinance referred to :

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING, }
NEW YORK, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President of the Board of Public Improvements*, Borough of Manhattan, City :

SIR—Permit me to bring to the attention of this Board the fact that, up to the present time, an ordinance such as is provided for in subdivision 13, of section 416, of the Charter, for regula-

ting the making of contracts for public work and supplies, has not been enacted by the Municipal Assembly.

The result is that there cannot be uniformity in the several boroughs in the manner of making the contracts referred to above.

In the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx the ordinance of the former City of New York, regulating these matters, approved by the Mayor March 15, 1897, still survives and is in force. That ordinance, being sections 344 to 369, both inclusive, of article I., of chapter 6, of the "Revised Ordinances," regulates the form of bid or estimate, the surety agreement, the kind of sureties, the manner of opening bids, the matter of samples, the retention of ten per cent. of the contractor's compensation in certain contracts, the special lien in behalf of mechanics and material men, indemnity against responsibility for accidents, surety bond, etc.

As to the Borough of Brooklyn, it is to be presumed that the making of such contracts is still regulated by surviving ordinances of the former City of Brooklyn.

As to the Borough of Queens, the surviving ordinances of former Long Island City probably apply in the First Ward of that borough, with no provisions for the other wards of that borough, or the Borough of Richmond.

I respectfully suggest that this subject be acted upon by this Board at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

F. M. GIBSON, Deputy Commissioner, Borough of Manhattan,
designated with full powers of the Commissioner.

The following communication was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH, }
July 25, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, New York City.

GENTLEMEN—In the absence of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, I submit for your consideration the enclosed resolution, requesting the Comptroller to certify to your Board whether one-fifth of the total assessment has been paid by property-owners along the line of Hinsdale street, between Atlantic avenue and Sutter avenue, for the grading and paving of said street, as required under the terms of the Twenty-sixth Ward Improvement Act, before the contract can be let ; and also requesting the Comptroller, in case he finds the required amount has been paid, to bring to the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the necessity of at once authorizing the issuing of assessment bonds to meet the cost of said improvement.

This action, if approved, is in line with that followed by your Board in the matter of improving seven other streets, pursuant to the Twenty-sixth Ward Improvement Act. When these proceedings were progressed by your Board (see minutes, January 25, page 126), the necessary one-fifth of assessments had not been paid by Hinsdale street property-owners. Since then this amount has, I understand, been met, and as proceedings have been pending for several years, I wish to urge that there be no delay in furthering them.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

The following resolutions were thereupon unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to certify to the Board of Public Improvements whether one-fifth of the total assessment for the grading and paving of Hinsdale street, between Atlantic avenue and Sutter avenue, has been paid, as is required before the contract can be let in,

accordance with the provisions of chapter 310, Laws of 1892, known as the Twenty-sixth Ward Improvement Act ; and

Resolved, That, in case the Comptroller finds that one-fifth of the aforesaid assessment has been paid, he is hereby requested to bring to the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the necessity of at once authorizing the issuing of Assessment Bonds to meet the cost of said improvement.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 22, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, an application of the Eastern Parkway Company to construct a private sewer in New York avenue, between the Eastern parkway and Creston street, Borough of Brooklyn, I wish to state that New York avenue is legally opened within the above-mentioned limits, and that a sewerage plan, filed April 29, 1862, shows the location and the grades of the proposed sewer.

I recommend, therefore, as there are no legal obstacles against constructing such sewer, that the application be granted.

The submitted papers, in book form, are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 560, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Sewers to issue a permit to the Eastern Parkway Company to construct, at their own expense, a sewer in East New York avenue, between Eastern parkway and President street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Board of Education was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

BOARD OF EDUCATION, }
NEW YORK, July 21, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements* :

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith certified copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Education on July 19, 1899, requesting the Board of Public Improvements to take such action as may be necessary to have water-mains of the Citizens' Water Supply Company of Newtown, Borough of Queens, run to Public Schools 15, 17 and 19, of said borough, all situated in Corona, and to have fire-hydrants placed near said buildings, as it is necessary that water be supplied to these buildings during the school vacation this summer.

Will you kindly have this matter brought to the attention of the Board of Public Improvements at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

A. EMERSON PALMER, Secretary.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements be and it is hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary to have water-mains of the Citizens' Water Supply Company of Newtown, Borough of Queens, run to Public Schools 15, 17 and 19, of said borough, and to have fire-hydrants placed near said buildings, as it is necessary that water be put in these buildings during this vacation.

A true copy of resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on July 19, 1899.

A. EMERSON PALMER,

Secretary, Board of Education.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 AND 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit temporary plan for construction of an eight-inch pipe sewer through Tompkins avenue to Fingerboard road.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communication from the Board of Health was referred to the President of the Borough of Manhattan :

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, }
NEW YORK, July 21, 1899. }

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held July 19, 1899, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the report of Chief Sanitary Inspector Feeney in respect to the dangerous condition of vacant lots located at the south side of West One Hundred and Thirteenth street, beginning at west wall of No. 34 and extending westerly fifty (50) feet, Borough of Manhattan, be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements, with the request that, for sanitary reasons, the Department of Highways be authorized and directed to have said lots fenced.

A true copy.

EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Acting Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, }
NEW YORK, July, 12, 1899. }

To the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent :

SIR—On a citizen's complaint an inspection was made of the vacant lots located at the south side of West One Hundred and Thirteenth street, beginning at west wall of No. 34, and extending westerly fifty (50) feet, and the same were found in a dangerous condition by reason of the fact that they are not fenced.

An order (No. 25142) was issued on June 29, 1899, requiring said lots to be fenced. The alleged owner, Erastus Titus, of No. 10 East Seventieth street, has neglected to comply with the order, and as all existing remedies for its enforcement have been exhausted by this Department, I recommend that the Board of Public Improvements be requested to authorize the Department of Highways to have said lots fenced.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) M. B. FEENEY, M. D., Chief Sanitary Inspector.

A true copy :

EUGENE W. SCHEFFER, Acting Chief Clerk.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, CITY OF NEW YORK, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, the Local Board of the Twenty-first District hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements the construction of sewers and appurtenances in Crane street, from Concord avenue to Robbins avenue ; and in Robbins avenue, from St. Joseph's street to Dater street, a hearing having been given pursuant to advertisement in CITY RECORD of June 30, 1899, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements the altering, rebuilding and improving of the following receiving basins, viz. :

On the northeast and southeast corners of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Third avenue.

On the northeast and northwest corners of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Tinton avenue :

—and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of the Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements the altering, rebuilding and improving of receiving-basins on Mott avenue, as follows :

On the east side of Mott avenue, about four hundred and seventy feet north of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street ;

On the northwest corner of Mott avenue and Cheever place ;

On the northeast corner of Mott avenue and East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street ;

On the northeast corner of Mott avenue and East One Hundred and Fiftieth street,

—and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, submitted the 12th day of July, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that receiving-basins and appurtenances be constructed on Brook avenue, as follows :

On Brook avenue, opposite Anna place, and on the southwest corner of Brook avenue and Anna place, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communication from the Citizens' Water Supply Company was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

CITIZENS' WATER SUPPLY COMPANY,
BROADWAY, NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION,
ELMHURST, BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
NEW YORK CITY, July 21, 1899. }

To the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—The Citizens' Water Supply Company of Newtown respectfully petition your Honorable Body for permission to lay water-mains in Fresh Meadow road and Renwick avenue, to connect Pumping Station No. 4 with our present system in the following streets : Beginning at Fresh Meadow road and Renwick avenue ; in Renwick avenue to Jamaica avenue ; in Jamaica avenue to Strong's Causeway ; in Strong's Causeway to Newtown avenue ; in Newtown avenue to

Grand avenue ; in Union avenue to Broadway ; in Central avenue, from Newtown avenue to Jackson avenue, and in Jackson avenue, from Central avenue to Train's Meadow road.

Respectfully,

BARNARD SUYDAM, Treasurer.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

NEW YORK CITY, July 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Twenty-first District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 24, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted ;

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Twenty-first District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that proceedings be initiated looking to the creation of a public park to take in the square block bounded by One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, Second avenue and First avenue.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that One Hundred and Twentyninth street, between Twelfth avenue and the tracks of the New York Central Railroad Company, be paved with asphalt block pavement on a concrete foundation.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that vacant lots Nos. 24 to 30 West One Hundred and Thirteenth street be fenced.

Respectfully,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be directed to proceed to repair the sidewalk on both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, between Twelfth avenue and the tracks of the New York Central Railroad Company.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Eightieth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues, be repaved with asphalt.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer be constructed in Bradhurst avenue, from the termination of the present sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-third street to the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies :

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be directed to place as many electric lights in One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, between Twelfth avenue and the tracks of the New York Central Railroad Company, as will sufficiently light the same.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies were read and filed :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW—NEW YORK, July 21, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, Nos. 13 to 21 Park Row, City:

DEAR SIR—Referring to a communication from your office of June 30, inclosing copies of seven communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, each dated June 22, 1899, respectively recommending the following :

Laying gas main in Marion street, from Demilt to Kossuth avenue.

Laying gas-main, etc., in Longfellow street, from Freeman to Jennings street.

Laying gas-main, etc., in streets and avenues at Woodlawn.

Placing two electric lights on Fourteenth street, between Avenue A and Avenue B, Unionport.

Laying gas-main, etc., in East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Walton and River avenues.

Placing three electric lights about the Heine fountain.

Laying gas-main, etc., in Macy place, between Prospect avenue and Hewitt place.

I have to advise you that I have this day issued orders in relation to the above, namely :

To the Northern Union Gas Company, to erect and light twenty-one lamps on Marion street, from Kossuth avenue to Demilt avenue, Wakefield.

To the Central Union Gas Company, to erect and light seven lamps on Longfellow street, from Freeman to Jennings Street.

To the Bronx Gas and Electric Company, to erect and light two electric lamps on Fourteenth street, between Avenue A and Avenue B, Unionport.

To the Central Union Gas Company, to erect and light five lamps on One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Walton and River avenues.

To the North River Electric-light and Power Company, to erect and light three electric lamps around the Heine fountain at Mott avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, at locations to be designated by the Department of Parks.

To the Central Union Gas Company, to erect and light five lamps on Macy place, between Prospect avenue and Hewitt place.

Concerning the request for lamps in numerous streets of Woodlawn, I have looked into the matter, and it is reported to me that very few of the streets named in the resolution are regulated and graded, and that on most of the streets there are no houses.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, }
NEW YORK, July 21, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, 13 to 21 Park Row, City :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a communication from your office of July 15, inclosing copy of a communication dated July 11, from the President of the Borough of Manhattan, containing a resolution recommending the laying of gas-mains in Audubon avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-fourth and One Hundred and Eighty-fifth streets.

I have to advise you that I have this day signed an order to the Consolidated Gas Company to lay gas-mains as above, and to erect and light two lamps on this avenue, between the streets named.

Very truly yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was placed on file, resolution having been adopted :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 18, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President :

DEAR SIR—Inclosed please find copy of communication received by me, which is respectfully transmitted to you for such immediate and proper action in the premises as it would appear to be entitled to.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

JULY 17, 1899.

Hon. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President, Borough of Queens, City of New York :

DEAR SIR—My house in Wave Crest, Far Rockaway, is supplied with water by the Queens County Water Company. For the past two years we have had a short supply, owing to the fact that the main is not large enough for the number of houses supplied. I have appealed twice to the Superintendent at Far Rockaway and he has referred me to you. He says that the Queens County Water Company is ready and anxious to put in a larger supply pipe, but cannot do so without the consent of the Borough of Queens.

Last night and this morning I was unable to get a drop of water in my house, and you will readily understand that there should be some remedy at once, as it is not only a great inconvenience to us but also a source of danger in case of fire. Please let me know if you can act in this matter, and if not, give me the name of the proper official to apply to.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. E. COWDIN.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters were laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
Nos. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 21, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated the 7th instant, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District,

Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Twelfth street, between Eighth and Manhattan avenues, be repaved with asphalt.

In reply, I would report that the present pavement is oblong trap laid a number of years ago. The stone blocks are in fairly good condition, but need relaying in certain places.

The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement on the present pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for ten years, is \$3,100. The grade is three per cent., which is considered too steep for sheet asphalt; therefore it would be advisable to lay asphalt blocks on a concrete foundation. The estimated cost of this class of pavement with ten years' guarantee of maintenance, is \$3,800.

At present no funds are available to pay for such improvements.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On March 9, 1899, the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, adopted a resolution recommending that Edgewater road, from Westchester avenue to West Farms road, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary, trees planted on the sidewalks and roadway paved with telford macadam.

Upon this resolution I beg to report that title to Edgewater road is vested in the City and that a sewer has been constructed in the greater part of that city within the limits of the resolution. In its present condition Edgewater road is dangerous and it is necessary to improve it as soon as possible to afford a suitable and convenient outlet for the heavy trucking from the yards and docks along the West Farms creek.

On account of the large quantity of filling which will be necessary, the cost of the improvement will exceed the assessed value of the property immediately fronting on the road, the estimated cost of the work being \$32,600, while the assessed value of the property fronting on Edgewater road is only \$23,100. Section 947 of the Greater New York Charter provides that the assessors shall in no case assess any house or lot, improved or unimproved lands, more than one half the fair value of such house or lot, improved or unimproved lands. By this provision of law the improvement of Edgewater road, in accordance with the resolution of the Local Board, is prohibited, unless the area of assessment can be extended so as to raise the assessed value to an amount at least equal to twice the estimated cost of the improvement.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully recommend that the work provided for in the following resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, March 30, 1899, be authorized :

“Resolved, That on petition of Henry Schweitzer and others, duly advertised and submitted the 30th day of March, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that Briggs avenue, from One Hundred and Ninety-fourth street to Two Hundredth street, be regulated and graded, curbstones set, sidewalks flagged a space four (4) feet in width through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid where required, and fences built

where necessary ; that trees be planted on the sidewalks and the roadway be paved with telford macadam, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements."

Title to Briggs avenue has been acquired by the City, a sewer constructed, and a number of buildings erected, making it necessary to improve the avenue to afford proper access to the buildings along its lines.

The estimated cost of the work is \$35,200, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$194,325.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On a resolution adopted March 9, by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Eighty-third street, between Arthur avenue and Southern Boulevard, be regulated and graded, curbstones set, and sidewalks laid and fences erected where necessary, I beg to report that the proceedings for acquiring title to East One Hundred and Eighty-third street are so well advanced that it would not be premature to authorize the improvement recommended by the Local Board. The present condition of the street is such that the residents along the line thereof have not convenient and safe access to their premises, and the necessity for the improvement is greater because the street forms a direct connection between the Third Avenue Electric Railway and the Zoological Garden. Under these circumstances I recommend that the work provided for in the resolution of the Local Board be authorized, at an estimated cost of \$17,000, the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment being \$254,600.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated May 23 from the Secretary of the Board, I received for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Eighty-first street, from Park avenue to Third avenue, be regulated and graded, curbstones set, and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary, and trees planted on the sidewalks.

In reply I beg to report that title to East One Hundred and Eighty-first street is vested in the City, and that there have recently been erected along the street a number of buildings, rendering it necessary to make the improvement provided for in the resolution of the Local Board. I, therefore, recommend that the work be authorized.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$4,500, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$64,500.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

[JULY 26, 1899.]

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—By a letter dated June 12, 1899, the Secretary of the Board forwarded to this Department for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Seventeenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-fifth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be graded and flagged.

In reply, I beg to report that the work provided for in this resolution is necessary and I recommend that it be authorized.

The estimated cost is \$3,158, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$383,500.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have had an investigation made to ascertain the necessity of reflagging the sidewalk in front of No. 380 Broome street, as recommended by a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Eleventh District, Borough of Manhattan, which resolution was transmitted to this office with a letter, dated the 12th ult., from the Secretary of the Board.

I find that the work called for in the resolution is necessary, and I recommend that it be authorized.

The estimated cost is \$80, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$6,000.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—As requested by letter, dated June 12, from the Secretary of the Board, I beg to submit the following report on a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Forty-first street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be paved with asphalt blocks on concrete foundation :

This is a necessary improvement and I recommend its authorization.

The estimated cost of the work is \$9,800, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$177,500.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

JULY 26, 1899.]

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that the sidewalk on Ninety-second street, extending about 150 feet westerly from the northwest corner of Central Park, West, be reflagged, I beg to report that this is a necessary improvement, and that the estimated cost thereof is \$450, while the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$230,000.

I recommend that the improvement be authorized.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On May 23, 1899, the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, adopted a resolution recommending that the vacant lots on the west side of Edgecombe avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-first to One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, be fenced where not already done. This resolution was forwarded to this Department with a letter, dated June 12, from the Secretary of the Board.

In reply I beg to say that I have had an examination made and find that it is necessary to fence the lots named in the resolution.

The estimated cost of the work is \$200, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$207,000. I recommend that the work included in the resolution of the Local Board be authorized.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
July 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—On June 12, 1899, the Secretary of the Board transmitted to this office for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Sixteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that the sidewalks at the following locations be reflagged where necessary : In West Twenty-second street, from No. 521 to Eleventh avenue and from Nos. 530 to 548 ; in West Twenty-fourth street, from Nos. 519 to Eleventh avenue, and from No. 512 to Eleventh avenue ; in West Twenty first street from No. 509 to the river and from No. 516 to the river.

In reply I beg to report that the estimated cost of reflagging the sidewalk in West Twenty-second street, from No. 521 to Eleventh avenue, is \$325, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$190,500 ; that the estimated cost of reflagging the sidewalk, from Nos. 530 to 546 West Twenty-second street, is \$280, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$69,000.

That the estimated cost of reflagging the sidewalk in West Twenty-fourth street, from No. 519 to Eleventh avenue, is \$840, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$95,000; the estimated cost of reflagging the sidewalk in West Twenty-fourth street, from No. 512 to Eleventh avenue, is \$625, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$124,500.

That the estimated cost of reflagging the sidewalk in West Twenty-first street, from No. 509 to the river, is \$1,050, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$181,000; also the estimated cost of reflagging the sidewalk on the south side of Twenty-first street, from No. 516 to the river, is \$1,115, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$123,500.

It is necessary to improve these sidewalks as provided in the resolution of the Local Board. I therefore recommend that the work called for in the resolution be authorized.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Sewers were read and the matters were laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, }
NEW YORK, July 22, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith the estimated cost and assessed valuation for construction of sewers and appurtenances on both sides of Wendover avenue, from the existing sewer in Third avenue to Fulton avenue, and in Fulton avenue between East One Hundred and Seventieth street and St. Paul's place, and between Wendover and East One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, in the Borough of The Bronx.

Estimated cost.....	\$40,072 00
Assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment.	204,410 00

Respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, }
NEW YORK, July 22, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit approximate estimate of cost and assessed valuation of property for the construction of a sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, from Inwood avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse.

Estimated cost is	\$13,479 75
Assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment.....	115,500 00

Yours respectfully,

JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were read, and the matters were laid over :

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the recommendation of the Commissioner of Sewers that sewer in Seventh avenue, west side, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, connecting with sewer in One Hundred and Forty-third street, be constructed.

Very truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

(Copy.)

NEW YORK CITY, July 7, 1899.

Hon. JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost and assessed valuation of property with resolution, for the construction of a sewer in Seventh avenue, west side, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, connecting with sewer in One Hundred and Forty-third street. I desire that you place the same before the Local Board for their consideration.

Estimated cost is \$3,650 ; assessed valuation of real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$34,000.

Respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the recommendation of the Commissioner of Sewers that extension of sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, between Eighth avenue and St. Nicholas place, be constructed.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, July 11, 1899.

Hon. JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost and assessed valuation of property, with resolution for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, between Eighth avenue and St. Nicholas place. The title to this sewer as originally passed by the Board of Local Improvements called for a sewer on the north side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, while the intention was to build the same in the centre of the street.

As the centre of the street is the proper location, the object for transmitting these resolutions is to have the title corrected so that the sewer can be built in its proper place.

I desire that the same be placed before the Local Board for their consideration.

The estimated cost is \$1,650 ; the assessed valuation of real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$243,000.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read :

NEW YORK CITY, July 25, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held July 25, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Fifty-seventh street, from a point 260 feet west of Eleventh avenue to a line on Twelfth avenue, be re-regulated, regraded, recurbed and reflagged.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, July 12, 1899.

Hon. JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan :

DEAR SIR—Before the roadway of Fifty-seventh street, from a point 260 feet west of Eleventh avenue to the line of Twelfth avenue, can be paved, it is necessary to re-regulate and regrade that street so as to conform to the re-established official grade as shown on the accompanying map.

As the expense of this necessary improvement will have to be assessed upon the abutting and benefited property, I submit the matter to you for presentation to the Local Board of the District for action, pursuant to section 393 of the City Charter.

The resolution of the Local Board should provide for the re-regulating, regrading, recurbing and reflagging of Fifty-seventh street, from a point 260 feet west of Eleventh avenue to the line of Twelfth avenue.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$3,900, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$157,850.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the re-regulating, regrading, recurbing and reflagging of Fifty-seventh street, from a point 260 feet west of Eleventh avenue to the line of Twelfth avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being three thousand nine hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and fifty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the re-regulating, regrading, recurbings and reflagging of Fifty-seventh street, from a point 260 feet west of Eleventh avenue to the line of Twelfth avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being three thousand nine hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and fifty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

The following resolutions were adopted, and the accompanying ordinances approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading of Fifty-fourth street, between Seventh avenue and Fort Hamilton avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb, paving of the gutters, and setting of bridge stones, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand seven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided; namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading of Fifty-fourth street, between Seventh avenue and Fort Hamilton avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb, paving of the gutters and setting of bridgestones, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand seven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventeen thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading, curbing and paving with asphalt pavement of the carriageway of Watkins street, between East New York avenue and New Lots road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being seventy-five thousand six hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and thirty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading, curbing and paving with asphalt pavement of the carriageway of Watkins street, between East New York avenue and New Lots road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being seventy-five thousand six hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and thirty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating, grading and guttering of Prescott place, between Herkimer street and Atlantic avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the setting or resetting of the curb, the laying of crosswalks and flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is forty-nine thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating, grading and guttering of Prescott place, between Herkimer street and Atlantic avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, the setting or resetting of the curb, the laying of crosswalks and flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is forty-nine thousand two hundred and sixty dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Nichols avenue, between Jamaica avenue and Atlantic avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the paving of the carriageway with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, and the setting or resetting of the curb, and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of the said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-five thousand six hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and twenty thousand six hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Nichols avenue, between Jamaica avenue and Atlantic avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the paving of the carriage-way with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, and the setting or resetting of the curb, and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of the said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-five thousand six hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and twenty thousand six hundred dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading, curbing and paving with asphalt pavement of the carriageway of Essex street, between Arlington avenue and Atlantic avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ten thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eighty-one thousand one hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading, curbing and paving with asphalt pavement of the carriageway of Essex street, between Arlington avenue and Atlantic avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ten thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eighty-one thousand one hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading and paving with granite-block pavement of the carriageway of Stanhope street, between Myrtle avenue and Hamburg avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb, setting of the bridgestones and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one thousand four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading and paving with granite-block pavement of the carriageway of Stanhope street, between Myrtle avenue and Hamburg avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb, setting of bridgestones and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one thousand four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading and paving of the carriageway of Georgia avenue with granite-block pavement, between Liberty avenue and Glenmore avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb, laying of crosswalks and the flagging or reflagging of sidewalks of said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided; namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading and paving of the carriageway of Georgia avenue with granite-block pavement, between Liberty avenue and Glenmore avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the setting or resetting of the curb, laying of crosswalks and the flagging or reflagging of sidewalks of said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by the City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating, grading and paving of the carriageway of Centre street with granite-block pavement, between Hamilton avenue and Clinton street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the laying of crosswalks, setting or resetting of curbstones and the flagging or reflagging of sidewalks of said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four thousand three hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fifty-one thousand four hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid, as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating, grading and paving of the carriageway of Centre street with granite-block pavement, between Hamilton avenue and Clinton street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the laying of crosswalks, setting or resetting of curbstones and the flagging or reflagging of sidewalks of said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board, an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four thousand three hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fifty-one thousand four hundred dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Avenue D, between Ocean parkway and Coney Island avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the paving of the carriageway with macadam pavement, and the setting or resetting of curb, paving of gutters with vitrified brick, laying of crosswalks and the flagging or reflagging of sidewalks of the said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Avenue D, between Ocean parkway and Coney Island avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the paving of the carriage-way with macadam pavement, and the setting or resetting of curb, paving of gutters with vitrified brick, laying of crosswalks and the flagging or reflagging of sidewalks of the said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of The Greater New York Charter, the grading of Second avenue, between Fifty-ninth street and Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the paving of the carriageway outside of the railroad tracks located on said avenue with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, the setting or resetting of the curbstones along said avenue, where necessary, and the laying by the owner of said tracks of granite-block pavement between its tracks and rails along said avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being sixteen thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and fifty-two thousand six hundred and ten dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the grading of Second avenue, between Fifty-ninth street and Sixty-fifth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the paving of the carriageway outside of the railroad tracks located on said avenue with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, the setting or resetting of the curbstones along said avenue, where necessary, and the laying by the owner of said tracks of granite-block pavement between its tracks and rails along said avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being sixteen thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and fifty-two thousand six hundred and ten dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, of Second avenue, between Thirty-ninth street and Fifty-eighth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, outside of the railroad tracks located on said avenue, the setting or resetting of the curbstones along said avenue, where necessary, and the laying by the owner of said tracks of granite-block pavement between its tracks and rails along said avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirty-seven thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one million nine hundred and two thousand and three hundred and ninety dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, of Second avenue, between Thirty-ninth street and Fifty-eighth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn outside of the railroad tracks located on said avenue, the setting or resetting of the curbstones along said avenue where necessary, and the laying, by the owner of said tracks, of granite-block pavement between its tracks and rails along said avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirty-seven thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one million nine hundred and two thousand three hundred and ninety dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Cooper street, between Hamburg avenue and the county line, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the paving of the carriageway with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, and the setting or resetting of the curb and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of the said street where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eleven thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-eight thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof

shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Cooper street, between Hamburg avenue and the county line, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the paving of the carriageway with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, and the setting or resetting of the curb and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks of the said street, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eleven thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-eight thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt paving, with a guarantee of maintenance of five years from the contractor, of the carriageway of One Hundred and Sixth street, from First avenue to East river, Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvement, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance of five years from the contractor, of the carriageway of One Hundred and Sixth street, from First avenue to East river, Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred thousand dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement of the carriageway of Edgecombe avenue, from One Hundred and Fiftieth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, with a guarantee of maintenance from the contractor for a period of five years, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement of the carriageway of Edgecombe avenue, from One Hundred and Fiftieth street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street in the Borough of Manhattan, with a guarantee of maintenance from the contractor for a period of five years, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Jacobus place (on Marble Hill, New York City), at the intersection of Van Corlear place with Terrace View avenue, South, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eight thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Jacobus place (on Marble Hill, New York City), at the intersection of Van Corlear place with Terrace View avenue, South, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eight thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalk, a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Van Corlear place (on Marble hill, New York City), from Wicker place to Kingsbridge avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-six thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Van Corlear place (on Marble Hill, New York City), from Wicker place to Kingsbridge avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-six thousand dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Kingsbridge avenue (on Marble Hill), from Terrace View avenue to War Department line, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-six thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Kingsbridge avenue (on Marble Hill), from Terrace View avenue to War Department line, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-six thousand dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Wadsworth avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Eleventh avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ninety-two thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five hundred and thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the reg lating and grading, setting of curbstones and flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, of Wadsworth avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-third street to Eleventh avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ninety-two thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five hundred and thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt-block pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, of the carriageway of Bradhurst avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-first to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being fifteen thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided; namely,

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt-block pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, of the carriageway of Bradhurst avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-first to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being fifteen thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, of the carriageway of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Amsterdam avenue to Edgecombe avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, and the laying of crosswalks at each intersecting avenue, where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eight thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-eight thousand three hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, of the carriageway of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Amsterdam avenue to Edgecombe avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, and the laying of crosswalks at each intersecting avenue, where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eight thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-eight thousand three hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, and the laying of crosswalks where necessary therein, of the carriageway of One Hundred and Eleventh street, from Amsterdam avenue to Riverside drive, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty-three dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and eighty-eight thousand six hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance for five years from the contractor, and the laying of crosswalks where necessary therein, of the carriageway of One Hundred and Eleventh street, from Amsterdam avenue to Riverside drive, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty-three dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and eighty-eight thousand six hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with granite-block pavement of the carriageway, the laying of crosswalks where required, the setting and resetting of curb-stones, and the flagging and reflagging of sidewalks, where necessary, of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand eight hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same is hereby approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided; namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving with granite-block pavement of the carriageway, the laying of crosswalks where required, the setting and resetting of curbstones, and the flagging and reflagging of sidewalks, where necessary, of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand eight hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty-six thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-five thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of

Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty-six thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-five thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate, in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eleven thousand four hundred and eighty-seven dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eleven thousand four hundred and eighty-seven dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirty-nine thousand five hundred and fifty-one dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative--Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative--None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July,

1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirty-nine thousand five hundred and fifty-one dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the flagging and reflagging of sidewalks, curbing and recurbing of Amsterdam avenue, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate, in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twelve million two hundred and fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the flagging and reflagging of sidewalks, curbing and recurbing of Amsterdam avenue, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate, in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twelve million two hundred and fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

"And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Ninety-seventh street, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, laying of crosswalks and the erecting of fences where necessary, from Bainbridge avenue to Webster avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eighty thousand nine hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 19th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of One Hundred and Ninety-seventh

street, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, laying of crosswalks and the erecting of fences where necessary, from Bainbridge avenue to Webster avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirteen thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eighty thousand nine hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the carriageway with granite-block pavement and the laying of crosswalks where necessary, of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, from Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and eighty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

" Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the carriageway with granite-block pavement, and the laying of crosswalks where necessary, of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, from

Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate, in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and eighty three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Boone street, from Freeman street to Woodruff street, in the Borough of The Bronx, the setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, and the laying of crosswalks where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirty-five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and twelve thousand three hundred and ten dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

" Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Boone street, from Freeman street to Woodruff street, in the Borough of The Bronx, the setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, and the laying of crosswalks where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is

authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being thirty-five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and twelve thousand three hundred and ten dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Belmont avenue, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, laying of crosswalks, erecting of fences where necessary, planting of trees on the sidewalks and the paving of the roadway with telford macadam, from Tremont avenue to the lands of St. John's College, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being fifty-eight thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and ninety-nine thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Belmont avenue, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, laying of crosswalks, erecting of fences where necessary, planting of trees on the sidewalks and the paving of the roadway with telford macadam, from Tremont avenue to the lands of St. John's College,

in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being fifty-eight thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and ninety-nine thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Ritter place, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, laying of crosswalks where required, building of fences where necessary, planting of trees on the sidewalks and the paving of the roadway with macadam, from Union avenue to Prospect avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being five thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fifty-four thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

" Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Ritter place, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, laying of crosswalks where required, building of fences where necessary, planting of trees on the sidewalks and the paving of the road-

way with macadam, from Union avenue to Prospect avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to the said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being five thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fifty-four thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Gun Hill road (Olin avenue), setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, laying of crosswalks where required, building of fences where necessary and the planting of trees on the sidewalks and the paving of the roadway with macadam, from Jerome avenue to the Bronx river, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being seventy-one thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Gun Hill road (Olin avenue), setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, laying of crosswalks where required, building of fences where necessary and the planting of trees on the

sidewalks and the paving of the roadway with macadam, from Jerome avenue to the Bronx river, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being seventy-one thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of East One Hundred and Eightieth street, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, laying of crosswalks where required, building of fences where necessary, planting of trees on the sidewalks and the paving of the roadway with macadam, between Third avenue and the Bronx river, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ninety thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and sixty-six thousand four hundred and eighty-six dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of East One Hundred and Eightieth street, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, laying of cross-

walks where required, building of fences where necessary, planting of trees on sidewalks and the paving of the roadway with macadam, between Third avenue and the Bronx river, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ninety thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and sixty-six thousand four hundred and eighty-six dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, laying of crosswalks and placing fences where required, in Washington avenue, from Third avenue at One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street to Pelham avenue, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eighty-three thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two million seven hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows:

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely:

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four feet in width, laying of crosswalks and placing fences where required,

in Washington avenue, from Third avenue at One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street to Pelham avenue, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being eighty-three thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two million seven hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefitted thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space of four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, and the laying of crosswalks and erecting of fences where necessary, from Fulton avenue to Park avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and sixty-two thousand seven hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by the City of New York but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefitted thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

" Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of East One Hundred and Seventy-first street, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet wide through the centre thereof, and the laying of crosswalks and erecting of fences where necessary, from Fulton

avenue to Park avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and sixty-two thousand seven hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with granite-block pavement of the carriageway of Wendover avenue, from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the laying of crosswalks where not already laid, under the directing of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four thousand seven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with granite-block pavement of the carriageway of Wendover avenue, from Third avenue to Fulton avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the laying of crosswalks where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having

been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four thousand seven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred fifty-three thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the roadway of Prospect avenue, from Southern Boulevard to Westchester avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, from curb to curb, with macadam pavement on a telford foundation, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and ninety-seven thousand eight hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

" Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the roadway of Prospect avenue, from Southern Boulevard to Westchester avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, from curb to curb, with macadam pavement on a telford foundation, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value according to the last preceding tax-roll, of

the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and ninety-seven thousand eight hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with granite block pavement, and the laying of crosswalks where not already laid, of the carriageway of Jennings street, from Union avenue to Stebbins avenue, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand six hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and sixty-six thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

" Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with granite-block pavement, and the laying of crosswalks where not already laid, of the carriageway of Jennings street, from Union avenue to Stebbins avenue, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand six hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real

estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and sixty-six thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with telford macadam pavement, and laying of crosswalks where not already laid, in Prospect avenue, from Westchester avenue to Boston road, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred and ten dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

" Resolved by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with telford macadam pavement, and laying of crosswalks where not already laid, in Prospect avenue, from Westchester avenue to Boston road, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred and ten dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation, and the laying of crosswalks where necessary, of Westchester avenue, from Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding-tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-three thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and fifty-three thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation, and the laying of crosswalks where necessary, of Westchester avenue, from Prospect avenue to Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being forty-three thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and fifty-three thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof

shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, regulating and paving with vitrified brick on a concrete foundation, of the carriageway of Webster avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Mosholu parkway, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being sixteen thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and seventy-six thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and paving with vitrified brick on a concrete foundation, of the carriageway of Webster avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to Mosholu parkway, Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to the said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being sixteen thousand five hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one hundred and seventy-six thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the roadway of Freeman street, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to the Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, with asphalt on a concrete foundation, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty-three thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and thirty-one thousand two hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the roadway of Freeman street, from East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street to the Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx, with asphalt on a concrete foundation, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty-three thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two hundred and thirty-one thousand two hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the roadway of Mott avenue, from the north side

of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to the south side of East One Hundred and Sixty first street, Borough of The Bronx, with asphalt on a concrete foundation, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being seventy-seven thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is nine hundred and seventy-four thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 26th day of July, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the roadway of Mott avenue, from the north side of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to the south side of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, Borough of The Bronx, with asphalt on a concrete foundation, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being seventy-seven thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is nine hundred and seventy-four thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422

of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer and appurtenances in Morris (Fleetwood) avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioners of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four thousand two hundred and sixty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is forty-nine thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Edgecombe road, between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Sixty-second streets, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four hundred and seventy-three thousand and one hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Fourth avenue, west side, between Thirty-second street and Thirty-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment,

the estimated cost of said work being four hundred and eighty-four dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is thirteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Fifty-fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvement, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer-basin at the southeast corner of Linwood street and Pitkin avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one hundred and ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five thousand two hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer in Ninth street, between Columbia street and Hicks street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being seven hundred and seventy dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-seven thousand six hundred and ten dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of sewer-basins at the following locations :

Jamaica avenue and Hemlock street, southwest corner ;

Jamaica avenue and Railroad avenue, southwest corner ;

Jamaica avenue and Nichols avenue, southwest and southeast corners ;

Jamaica avenue and Grant street, southeast corner ;

Hemlock street and Griffin place, northeast corner for location of Hemlock street near Jamaica avenue ;

—all in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six hundred and sixty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fifty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty-seven dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of sewer-basins at the following locations :

Jamaica avenue, north side, opposite Hemlock street ;

Jamaica avenue, north side, opposite Nichols avenue ;

Jamaica avenue, north side, opposite Railroad avenue ;

—all in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being three hundred and thirty dollars. The real estate included within the probable area of assessment is cemetery property.

And the said Board does hereby determine that all of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the east side of Washington avenue, between Degraw street and St. John's place, known as Lots Nos. 1 to 6, Block 48, Ninth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is sixty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby direct, that the lots lying on the north side of Sackett street, between Fourth avenue and Fifth avenues known as Lots Nos. 157 and 158, Block 83, Ninth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and twenty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twelve thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Berkeley place, between Fifth avenue and Sixth avenue, known as Lots Nos. 27 and 28, Block 95, Ninth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improve-

ment therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the west side of Knickerbocker avenue, between Grattan street and Harrison place, known as Lots Nos. 6 to 13, inclusive, Block 201, Eighteenth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and sixty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eight thousand and fifty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the west side of Central avenue, between Grove street and Linden street, known as Lots Nos. 33 to 40, inclusive, Block 33, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and sixty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eight thousand eight hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the south side of Gates avenue, between Knickerbocker avenue and Irving avenue, known as Lot No. 23, Block 81, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the west side of Wyona street between Jamaica Avenue and Fulton street, known as Lot No. 43, Block 292, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be inclosed with a board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fifteen hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the west side of Albany avenue, between Pacific street and Dean street, known as Lot No. 31, Block 125, Twenty-fourth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and eighty-six dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twelve thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the south side of Sackett street, between Third avenue and Fourth avenue, known as Lot No. 47, Block 280, Tenth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improve-

ment shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fourth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Willoughby avenue, between Tompkins avenue and Throop avenue, known as Lots Nos. 95 and 96, Block 49, Twenty-first Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirty-two dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Harman street, between Irving avenue and Wyckoff avenue, known as Lot No. 9, Block 86, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work of improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the east side of Knickerbocker avenue, between Melrose street and Flushing avenue, known as Lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 80, Twenty-seventh Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and forty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Ralph street, between Irving avenue and Wyckoff avenue, known as Lots Nos. 23 to 28 inclusive, Block 89, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real

estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty-eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand four hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the northeast corner of Fifty-eighth street and Fourth avenue, known as Lot No. 64, Block 166, Eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is fifty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand two hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the west side of Hopkinson avenue, between Sumpter street and Marion street, and on the north side of Sumpter street, between Hopkinson avenue and Saratoga avenue, known as Lots Nos. 10, 92, 107 to 112 inclusive, Block 96, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with

a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five thousand two hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, By this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative--Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Board.

Negative--None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Greene avenue, between Marcy avenue and Tompkins avenue, known as Lots Nos. 40 and 42, Block 38, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is seventeen dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand five hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative--Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative--None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the east side of Williams place, between Fulton street and East New York avenue, known as Lot No. 55, Block 34, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the south side of Forty-third street, between Second avenue and Third avenue, known as Lots Nos. 36 to 48 inclusive, Block 156, Eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is four hundred and fifteen dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven thousand five hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, in

the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

" Resolved. That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Third avenue, between Thirty-sixth street and Thirty-seventh street, known as Lots Nos. 31 and 32, Block 31, Eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is fifty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

" Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north side of McDonough street, between Broadway and Hopkinson avenue, known as Lots Nos. 12, 13 and 14, Block 104, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and twenty-eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Twenty-second street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, known as Lots Nos. 18 and 19, Block 112, Twenty-second Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Palmetto street, between Hamburg avenue and Central avenue, and on the west side of Hamburg avenue, between Palmetto street and Gates avenue, known as Lots Nos. 32, 32a, 33 and 34, Block 50, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is sixty-four dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lot lying on the southeast corner of Jefferson avenue and Summer avenue, known as Lot No. 102, Block 96, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is eighty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is six thousand dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Bainbridge street, between Patchen avenue and Ralph avenue, known as Lots Nos. 72, 73 and 74, Block 40, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improve-

ment shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the north side of Covert street, between Bushwick avenue and Evergreen avenue, known as Lot No. 26, Block 149, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is ten (10) dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eight hundred (800) dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, By the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fourth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the west side of Steuben street, between Park avenue and Myrtle avenue, known as Lot No. 17, Block 10, Seventh Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is nine hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, By this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Chauncey street, between Lewis avenue and Stuyvesant avenue, known as Lots Nos. 50 and 51, Block 122, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is fifteen dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, of the Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the south side of Putnam avenue, between Ralph avenue and Howard avenue, known as Lot No. 108, Block 53, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be enclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is

twenty-eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand two hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, and President of the Board.

Negative.—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the south side of Madison street, between Marcy avenue and Tompkins avenue, known as Lot No. 45, Block 43, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is eight dollars (\$8). The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and the President of the Board.

Negative.—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the south side of St. John’s place, between Washington avenue and Classon avenue, known as Lot No.13, Block 48, Ninth Ward Map, be enclosed with a close board fence, six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the

assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty dollars (\$20). The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Linwood street, between Belmont avenue and Sutter avenue, known as Lots Nos. 25, 37, 30, 31 and 32, Block 446, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of said lots, there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and twenty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand dollars. And it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvement, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the east side of Broadway, between Granite street and Pilling street, known as Lot No. 33, Block 135,

Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or the owners of the said lot," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is thirteen thousand dollars. And it is further

Resolved by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of said cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the south side of Eldert street, between Bushwick avenue and Evergreen avenue, known as Lots Nos. 45 and 87, Block 149, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirty-four dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven hundred and fifty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fourth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or

improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north side of Lexington avenue, between Grand avenue and Classon avenue, known as Lots Nos. 31, 32, 33, 81, 47 to 52, inclusive, Block 73, Seventh Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is two hundred and fifty-six dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand six hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the south side of Sumpter street between Ralph avenue and Patchen avenue, known as Lots Nos. 44 and 45, Block 43, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty-two dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Rockaway avenue, between Chauncey street and Broadway, known as Lots Nos. 1 and 2, Block 118, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is three hundred and thirty-six dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north side of Gates avenue, between Irving avenue and Myrtle avenue, known as Lots Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14, Block 92, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is six thousand four hundred and fifty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the southeast corner of Bushwick avenue and Decatur street, known as Lots Nos. 5 to 9, inclusive, Block 152, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is two hundred and fifty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the south side of St. John's place, between Eighth avenue and Plaza street, known as Lot No. 1, Block 118, Ninth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north side of Sixteenth street, between Prospect Park, West, and Tenth avenue, known as Lots Nos. 69, 65 and 64, Block 178, Twenty-second Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is eighty five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand one hundred and twenty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, his Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the north side of Greene avenue, between Bushwick avenue and Evergreen avenue, known as Lot No. 12, Block 16, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed

value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is nineteen dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved. That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the north-west side of Bay Twenty-sixth street, between Cropsey avenue and Bath avenue, known as Lots Nos. 35 to 40, inclusive, and 1, Block 826, Thirtieth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is five hundred and thirty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is six thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the north

side of Twenty-first street, between Sixth avenue and Seventh avenue, known as Lot No. 19, Block 113, Twenty-second Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty-seven dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand eight hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the north-westerly side of Gates avenue, between Hamburg avenue and Central avenue, known as Lot No. 59, Block 49, Twenty-eighth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirty-one dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand two hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or im-

provement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the east side of Knickerbocker avenue, between Hart and Suydam streets, known as Lot No. 30, Block 86, Twenty-seventh Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand four hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, of the Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the southeast corner of Patchen avenue and Monroe street, known as Lot No. 53, Block 31, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Lexington avenue, between Tompkins avenue and Throop avenue, known as Lots Nos. 25, 25^B and 26, Block 19, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is seventeen dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is nine hundred and eighty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lot lying on the south side of Jefferson avenue, between Saratoga avenue and Howard avenue, known as Lot No. 58, Block 72, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand four hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Lexington avenue, between Throop avenue and Sumner avenue, known as Lots Nos. 85 to 88 inclusive, Block 4, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is fifty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Lexington avenue, between Sumner avenue and Lewis avenue, known as Lots Nos. 114 to 118 inclusive, Block 89, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is fifty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Decatur street, between Lewis avenue and Sumner avenue known as Lots Nos. 129 and 149, Block 100, Twenty-third Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, believing it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of McDonough street, between Broadway and Hopkinson avenue, known as Lots Nos. 12, 13 and 14, Block 104, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment.

The estimated cost of said work is forty-four dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Seventh District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, believing it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the west side of Diamond street, between Nassau avenue and Norman avenue, known as Lots Nos. 13, 14 and 15, Block 169, Seventeenth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirty dollars (\$30). The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200); and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lot lying on the northwest corner of Hopkinson avenue and Decatur street, known as Lot No. 86, Block 92, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed

with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eight hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Seventh District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, believing it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lot lying on the north side of North First street, between Kent avenue and Wythe avenue, known as Lot No. 39, Block 18, Fourteenth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Macon street, between Howard avenue and Saratoga avenue, known as Lots Nos. 46 to 50, inclusive, 53, 55 and 57, Block 75, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is seventy-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four thousand five hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fourth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Lexington avenue, between Grand avenue and Classon avenue, known as Lots Nos. 31, 32, 33, 81, 39, 40, 41 and 42, Block 73, Seventh Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is seventy dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Bainbridge street, between Howard and Ralph avenues ; on the north side of Chauncey street, between Howard and Ralph avenues ; on the west side of Howard avenue, between Bainbridge and Chauncey streets, and on the east side of Ralph avenue, between Bainbridge and Chauncey streets, known as Lots Nos. 95 to 98, inclusive, 51, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 33, 35, 48 and 49, Block 60, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing, of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is three hundred and forty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fourteen thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the northeast corner of Atlantic avenue and Buffalo avenue, known as Lots Nos. 33 and 34, Block 45, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is sixty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand four hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improve-

ment shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lot lying on the north side of St. Mark's avenue, between Albany avenue and Troy avenue, known as Lot No. 54, Block 127, Twenty-fourth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lot,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is ten dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, known as Lots Nos. 13, 14 and 15, Block 150, Eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included

within the probable area of assessment is three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, and on the west side of Third avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, known as Lots Nos. 53, 54, 55, 56 and 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 156, Eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and twenty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fifth District in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the north side of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, and on the west side of Third ave-

nue, between Forty-second and Forty-third streets, known as Lots Nos. 7, 8, 26, 27 and 28, Block 157, Eighth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is ninety dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is four thousand six hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Sixth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Park place, between Classon avenue and Franklin avenue, known as Lots Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 16A, Block 50, Ninth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty-eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand four hundred dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the west side of Linwood street, between Blake avenue and Dumont avenue, known as Lots Nos. 13 to 18 inclusive, 20 and 21, Block 484, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is two hundred and seventy-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand three hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lot lying on the east side of Linwood street, between Dumont avenue and New Lots road, known as Lot No. 2, Block 491, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is two hundred and sixty-six dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand five hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Eighth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby directs that the lots lying on the south side of Sumpter street, between Ralph avenue and Patchen avenue, and on the north side of Fulton street, between Ralph avenue and Patchen avenue, known as Lots Nos. 44, 45, 19 and 20, Block 43, Twenty-fifth Ward Map, be inclosed with a close board fence six (6) feet high, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is forty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is two thousand seven hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; nameiy,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the west side of Linwood street, between Pitkin avenue and Belmont avenue, known as Lots Nos. 35, 16 and 17, Block 403, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and sixty-three dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Linwood street, between Pitkin avenue and Belmont avenue, known as Lots Nos. 27 to 36 inclusive, Block 407, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is three hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand two hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the west side of Linwood street, between Belmont avenue and Sutter avenue, known as Lots Nos. 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 12, Block 442, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and forty-four dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is eight thousand five hundred dollars. And it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of The Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Linwood street, between Blake avenue and Sutter avenue, known as Lots Nos. 45, 46 and 28 to 36] inclusive, Block 449, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is three hundred and twenty dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven thousand five hundred and fifty dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Local Board of the Ninth District, Borough of Brooklyn, hereby directs that the sidewalk opposite the lots lying on the east side of Linwood street, between Blake avenue and Dumont avenue, known as Lots Nos. 16, 23 and 24, Block 488, Twenty-sixth Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, five (5) feet in width, at the expense of the owner or owners of the said lots," there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-

roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is seventy-six dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is one thousand five hundred dollars. And it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Thirteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be directed to remove the sidewalk and curb on the west side of West street, between West Eleventh and Gansevoort streets, and that the pavement be extended to the westerly line of West street, so as to form connection with the new pavement to be laid by the Department of Docks and Ferries in the marginal street,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is thirteen thousand five hundred dollars. The real estate included within the probable area of assessment is city property; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that all of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Seventeenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Local Board of the Seventeenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements, that the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-fifth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be graded and flagged,” there having been pre-

sented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is two thousand four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is five hundred thousand dollars.

And it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Boards of the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Districts, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

“Resolved, That the Boards of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Districts, of the Borough of Manhattan, in joint session, approve the recommendation of the Common Council, adopted December 14, 1899, providing for the flagging and reflagging, curbing and recurbing of Amsterdam avenue, from Fifth-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is twenty thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twelve million two hundred and fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Thirteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or

improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof; namely,

"Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the proper department be directed to place the sidewalk on Eighteenth street, running from No. 246 West Eighteenth street to a point seventy-five feet westerly, in proper condition, and lay new flagging where necessary;" there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and thirty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three thousand one hundred dollars; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative - Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following transfer was approved by the Board:

John F. Boyle, Messenger, from the Department of Buildings to the office of the President of the Board of Public Improvements.

Adjourned.

Attest:

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, August 2, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges (Deputy Commissioner York), the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of July 19, 1899, were approved.

In the matter of closing Avenue F, from Ocean avenue to Foster avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been advertised for a hearing on August 2, as provided by law.

No one appearing in opposition, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 12th day of July, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Avenue F, from Ocean avenue to Foster avenue, in the Thirty-second Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 2d day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which meeting such proposed closing and discontinuing would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed closing and discontinuing would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers, for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 2d day of August, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, and of the publishers of the corporation newspapers, that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD and the corporation newspapers, for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 2d day of August, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed closing and discontinuing who have appeared, and such proposed closing and discontinuing was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Avenue F, from Ocean avenue to Foster avenue, in the Thirty-second Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to close and discontinue the aforesaid avenue as follows :

The area of the street to be closed is bounded as follows :

The northern line to be 880 feet northerly of the northern line of Avenue G, as laid down on the map of the Town of Flatlands, filed in office of the Register of Kings County, June, 1874, and extending from Ocean avenue westerly for a distance of about 646.56 feet to Foster avenue.

The southern line to be 800 feet northerly of the northern line of Avenue G, as laid down on the map of the Town of Flatlands, filed in the office of the Register of Kings County, June, 1874, and extending from Ocean avenue westerly a distance of about 781.56 feet to Foster avenue and East Seventeenth street.

Avenue F is 80 feet wide and parallel to Avenue G. The proposed discontinuing and closing of Avenue F is to exclude all the street crossings of East Seventeenth street, East Eighteenth street, East Nineteenth street.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by closing and discontinuing Avenue F, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 2d day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by closing and discontinuing Avenue F, from Ocean avenue to Foster avenue, in the Thirty-second Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to close and discontinue the aforesaid avenue, as follows :

The area of the street to be closed is bounded as follows :

The northern line to be 880 feet northerly of the northern line of Avenue G, as laid down on the map of the Town of Flatlands, filed in office of the Register of Kings County, June, 1874, and extending from Ocean avenue westerly for a distance of about 646.56 feet to Foster avenue.

The southern line to be 800 feet northerly of the northern line of Avenue G, as laid down on the map of the Town of Flatlands, filed in the office of the Register of Kings County, June, 1874, and extending from Ocean avenue westerly a distance of about 781.56 feet to Foster avenue and East Seventeenth street.

Avenue F is 80 feet wide and parallel to Avenue G. The proposed discontinuing and closing of Avenue F is to exclude all the street crossings of East Seventeenth street, East Eighteenth street, East Nineteenth street.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 27, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending the legal opening of Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state that said street is shown on the map of the former Town of New Utrecht, filed in the Register's office, Kings County, June 17, 1874. There is no legal obstacle against approving the recommendation. There are buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take

the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson avenue and Cropsey avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 27, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements:*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending the legally opening of Forty-seventh street, from Eighteenth avenue to Foster avenue, I wish to state that said street is shown on the map of the former Town of New Utrecht, filed in the Register's office, Kings County, June 17, 1874.

There is no legal obstacle against opening the same. There are buildings within the lines. The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was then adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Forty-seventh street, from Eighteenth avenue to Foster avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Forty-seventh street, from Eighteenth avenue to Foster avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court, in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such

Forty-seventh street, from Eighteenth avenue to Foster avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Forty-seventh street, from Eighteenth avenue to Foster avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 27, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn recommending the legal opening of Seventy-first street, between Third avenue and the Shore road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state that the said street is shown on the map of the former Town of New Utrecht, filed in the Register's office, Kings County, June 17, 1874.

There is no obstacle against passing a resolution for opening the same. There are buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Seventy-first street, between Third avenue and the Shore road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the

lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Seventy-first street, between Third avenue and the Shore road.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Seventy-first street, between Third avenue and the Shore road, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Seventy-first street, between Third avenue and the Shore road, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
July 27, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending the legal opening of Gardner avenue, between Johnson avenue and Flushing avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state that said street is shown on the Commissioner's Map of the northerly part of the Town of Bushwick, filed in the County Clerk's office, City of Brooklyn.

There is no obstacle against passing a resolution for opening the same. There are buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Gardner avenue, between Johnson avenue and Flushing avenue, in the Borough of

Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Gardner avenue, between Johnson avenue and Flushing avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Gardner avenue, between Johnson avenue and Flushing avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Gardner avenue, between Johnson avenue and Flushing avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 27, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn recommending the legal opening of Twentieth street, between Vanderbilt street and the boundary line of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-second Wards, Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state that said street is shown on map of Flatbush, filed in the Register's office, Kings County, June 17, 1874.

There is no legal obstacle against passing a resolution for opening the same.

There are no buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

“ Resolved, that the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Twentieth street, between Vanderbilt street and the boundary line of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-second Wards, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“ Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Twentieth street, between Vanderbilt street and the boundary line of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-second Wards.

“ Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Twentieth street, between Vanderbilt street and the boundary line of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-second Wards, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“ Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Twentieth street, between Vanderbilt street and the boundary line of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-second Wards, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“ Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
July 27, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn recommending the legal opening of West street, between Franklin avenue and Forty-third street, I have to say that said street is shown on Commissioner's map of Town of Flatbush, filed in Register's office, Kings County, June 17, 1874.

There is no legal obstacle against passing a resolution for opening same. There are no buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of West street, between Franklin avenue and Forty-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said West street, between Franklin avenue and Forty-third street.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such West street, between Franklin avenue and Forty-third street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending West street between Franklin avenue and Forty-third street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
August 1, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending the legal opening

of Eleventh avenue, between Fifteenth street and Terrace place, in the Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state that Eleventh avenue, between the above limits, was shown on the Commissioners' Map of Brooklyn, filed in the Register's Office, Kings County, January, 1839.

There is no legal obstacle against opening said street. There are no buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

" Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Eleventh avenue, between Fifteenth street and Terrace place, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

" Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Eleventh avenue, between Fifteenth street and Terrace place.

" Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Eleventh avenue, between Fifteenth street and Terrace place, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

" Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Eleventh avenue, between Fifteenth street and Terrace place, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

" Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
August 1, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, recommending that Blackwell street, from Broadway to Woolsey avenue, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, be legally opened, I have to state that Blackwell street, between the above limits, is shown on the Commissioners' Map of Long Island City, filed in the office of the County Clerk, Queens County, April 25, 1873.

There is no legal obstacle against opening said street. There are no buildings within the lines.

I return the papers in the matter.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Blackwell street, from Broadway to Woolsey avenue, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Blackwell street, from Broadway to Woolsey avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Blackwell street, from Broadway to Woolsey avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Blackwell street, from Broadway to Woolsey avenue, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The matter of laying out the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, which was laid over at the meeting of July 12, was brought up for consideration, and the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 21st day of June, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 12th day of July, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 12th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out who have appeared, and such proposed laying out was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to lay out the approaches to the aforesaid bridge as follows :

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at the intersection of the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street with the eastern line of Fifth avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 342.91 feet.

2d. Thence westerly deflecting 153 degrees 57 minutes 6 seconds to the right for 381.68 feet to the eastern line of Fifth avenue.

3d. Thence northerly along the easterly line of Fifth avenue for 167.61 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Madison avenue with the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Madison avenue for 156.70 feet.

- 2d. Thence westerly deflecting 118 degrees 8 minutes 42 seconds to the left for 41.22 feet.
- 3d. Thence still westerly deflecting 5 degrees 16 minutes 31 seconds to the left for 150.64 feet.
- 4th. Thence still westerly deflecting 7 degrees, 22 minutes 19 seconds to the right for 123.63 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.
- 5th. Thence easterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 273.15 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street with the eastern line of Madison avenue.

- 1st. Thence easterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street or 174.67 feet to the western United States pierhead line of the Harlem river.
- 2d. Thence northerly deflecting 116 degrees 2 minutes 54 seconds to the left along the said pierhead-line for 222.43 feet.
- 3d. Thence still northerly deflecting 2 degrees 5 minutes 48 seconds to the left along the said pierhead line for 36.02 feet.
- 4th. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 68.05 feet to the eastern line of Madison avenue.
- 5th. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Madison avenue for 199.50 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Exterior street as shown on section 7 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street :

- 1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Exterior street for 51.67 feet.
- 2d. Thence Westerly deflecting 104 degrees 36 minutes to the right, for 181.47 feet.
- 3d. Thence still westerly deflecting 9 degrees 55 minutes 1 second to the left for 82.98 feet to the Eastern United States pierhead-line of the Harlem river.
- 4th. Thence northerly deflecting 71 degrees 55 minutes 43 seconds to the right along said pierhead-line for 52.6 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.
- 5th. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 103.63 feet to an angle point.
- 6th. Thence still easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 172.79 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "E."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Mott avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

- 1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Mott avenue for 32.66 feet.
- 2d. Thence westerly deflecting 87 degrees 12 minutes 38 seconds to the right for 356.30 feet to the eastern line of Exterior street.

3d. Thence northerly deflecting 78 degrees 11 minutes 22 seconds to the right along the eastern line of Exterior street for 51.66 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

4th. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 368.90 feet to the point of beginning.

Exterior street, south of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, to be reduced in width from 100 feet to 80 feet, and that portion of Exterior street between East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and lying west of the 80-foot street, to be discontinued and closed.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out the new approaches to the above-named bridge, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Mayor for his approval.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,	}
August 1, 1899.	

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn recommending the legal opening of Tenth avenue, between Twentieth and Fifteenth streets, Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state as follows :

The Board of Public Improvements, at its meeting on June 28, 1899, adopted a resolution to initiate proceedings to acquire title to Tenth avenue, from Seventeenth to Twentieth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, which covers three blocks of Tenth avenue which are included in the present resolution, and I recommend, therefore, that the resolution of June 28, 1899, be rescinded and a new resolution adopted to acquire title to Tenth avenue, between Twentieth and Fifteenth streets, Borough of Brooklyn.

Tenth avenue, between the above limits, is shown on the map of Brooklyn, filed in Register's Office, Kings County, January, 1839. There is no legal obstacle against opening said street. There are buildings within the lines.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolutions were thereupon adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on June 28, 1899, for the opening of Tenth avenue, from Seventeenth to Twentieth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Tenth avenue, between Twentieth street and Fifteenth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Tenth avenue, between Twentieth street and Fifteenth street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Tenth avenue, between Twentieth street and Fifteenth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a Special Term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Tenth avenue, between Twentieth street and Fifteenth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
August 1, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that the Topo-

graphical Bureau be instructed to determine whether it is possible to lower the grade of the streets between Van Siclen avenue and Fountain avenue, south of Pitkin avenue, in the Twenty-sixth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, and to report for adoption such grades as can be established at the lowest point consistent with the needs of said section, I have to state as follows :

Upon examination and information received at the office of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, it was found that a change of grade of streets in the above-mentioned territory is not advisable, because a great many sewers are built and that in order to have a perfectly working drainage system the grades as established should be retained.

It seems that there is no opposition to the grades in general, but there is to the unimproved condition of the streets in which sewers were built and the manholes project over the surface, thereby making traffic almost impossible and dangerous.

To remedy these conditions I would recommend that the streets be regulated and graded as soon as possible, and that in the future when sewers are constructed the manholes should not be carried up to the proper height if it is not probable that the street will be regulated and graded immediately after such construction.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following reports from the Chief Topographical Engineer were read, and the matters were laid over until the President of the Borough of Brooklyn is present :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
August 1, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that the grade of Twentieth street, between Tenth avenue and Vanderbilt street, Borough of Brooklyn, be changed, I have to report as follows :

Twentieth street is located partially in the Twenty-second Ward and partially in the Twenty-ninth Ward, and the tract of land in the Twenty-ninth Ward at Twentieth street is known as Windsor Terrace, and situated between Prospect Park and Greenwood Cemetery.

The Flatbush Grade Chart, filed May 14, 1890, established the grade at Twentieth street and Vanderbilt street at 84.57 feet above high water, which grade was omitted on the chart of changes filed June 22, 1896, and a new grade established at about 82 feet above high water. The grade at the intersection of Seely street was fixed at 107.5 feet, and at Terrace place intersection at 118 feet above high water ; from there to the intersection of Tenth avenue a uniform grade was established, the elevation at Tenth avenue being fixed at 149 feet above high water.

Twentieth street, from Tenth avenue to the Flatbush line, which is near Terrace place, was graded prior to 1896, according to the Brooklyn grade chart, and shows an elevation of 149.7 at Tenth avenue and 144.7 at the Flatbush line, leaving an abrupt descent between the Flatbush line and Terrace place of 26.7 feet in a distance of about 100 feet. This being impracticable, a uniform grade was established between Tenth avenue and Terrace place in 1896.

In the neighborhood of Twentieth street deep pits were dug for the purpose of obtaining building sand, and several of the streets were graded through the banks which were left standing, and I do not see any reason why Twentieth street, which is a main line, bordering on Greenwood

Cemetery, should lose its continuity because a deep cut is necessary between Tenth avenue and Terrace place.

I recommend, therefore, that the grade established at Twentieth street and Tenth avenue at 149 feet above high water, and at Terrace place at 118 feet above high water, be not altered.

I return the papers in the matter, and submit a sketch showing the location of streets and grades established at various times at Twentieth street and vicinity.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
August 1, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, recommending a change of grade of Nichols avenue, between Etna street and Jamaica avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, I have to state as follows :

The grade of Nichols avenue, between Etna street and Jamaica avenue, was established on the grade chart of the town of New Lots, filed July 14, 1885, fixing it at Etna street at 38.56 feet above high water, at Condit street at 42.96 feet and at Jamaica avenue 52.55 feet above high water. The Common Council of Brooklyn adopted a grade chart of the Twenty-sixth Ward, City of Brooklyn, August 5, 1895, omitting the grade at Condit street, and making a uniform gradient between Etna street and Jamaica avenue, and a 24-inch sewer was built between Etna street and Jamaica avenue, in accordance with grade established by the Common Council, at a depth of about 11½ feet below the future surface. Manholes are built about every 100 feet, projecting over the present surface.

The land lying between Nichols avenue and Lincoln avenue to the west is lower than Nichols avenue and of a swampy nature, and the land lying between Nichols avenue and Grant avenue lies higher than Nichols avenue, and it will, therefore, be an advantage if the street were filled in in accordance with the grades established by the Common Council of Brooklyn.

There are only two buildings on the west side of Nichols avenue which are affected, and can easily be raised. The five buildings on the east side are built higher than the present surface, and will have to be raised very little in order to be on the street level.

A great detriment to the future development of the street will be that the buildings cannot have the customary depth of cellars if the grade is lowered as requested by the petitioners. The sewer would be only five to six feet below the surface of the street for a considerable length.

I recommend, therefore, that the Board of Public Improvements do not approve the recommended change of grade of Nichols avenue, from Etna street to Jamaica avenue, Borough of Brooklyn.

I return papers and submit a sketch showing the established and the requested grades.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was referred to the Clerk in charge of Street Opening matters :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
July 27, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn recommending that De Bruyn's lane (or Old Bath road), between Eighty-sixth street and Cropsey avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be closed, said closing to take effect at such time as Bay Twenty-third street, between Benson and Cropsey avenues, is opened for travel, I wish to recommend that the Board of Public Improvements defer action in this matter until the proceedings for acquiring title to Bay Twenty-third street is completed.

In the meantime, I wish to recommend that an opinion be requested from the Corporation Counsel to ascertain what shall become of that closed portion of De Bruyn's lane : whether the City is entitled to substantial compensation for the land, or whether the land which was actually in use by the public be given to the adjoining owners.

In addition, I wish to request that the petitioners for closing De Bruyn's lane furnish the Board with a map showing the metes and bounds of the lane to be closed, as is customary in such cases.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and placed on file :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, July 26, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo, inclosing preamble and resolution adopted by your Board at a meeting held on the 7th, and providing for additional clauses to be inserted in the contracts entered into by the City, regulating the wages and hours of laborers, in pursuance of section 3, chapter 415 of the Laws of 1897, as amended by chapter 567 of the Laws of 1899.

I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that, in all contracts for public improvements prior to the final printing thereof, the following clauses are inserted by me :

“ It is further agreed that no laborer, workman, or mechanic employed in the performance of this contract in the employ of the contractor, sub-contractor or other person doing or contracting to do the whole or a part of the work contemplated by the contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day, except in cases of extraordinary emergency caused by fire, flood or danger to life or property. The wages to be paid for a legal day's work as hereinbefore defined to all classes of such laborers, workmen or mechanics upon all such public work or upon any material to be used upon or in connection therewith, shall not be less than the prevailing rate for a day's work in the same trade or occupation in the locality within the State where such public work on, about or in connection with which such labor is performed in its final or completed form is to be situated, erected or used.

"It is further agreed that each such laborer, workman or mechanic employed by such contractor, sub-contractor or other person on, about or upon such public work shall receive the wages hereinbefore set forth.

"It is further agreed that this contract shall be void and of no effect unless the person or corporation making or performing the same shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Law, chapter 415, of the Laws of 1897, as amended by chapter 567 of the Laws of 1899."

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE CONNOLY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, NEW YORK, July 31, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication addressed to your Board by the President of the Borough of Queens, dated May 29, 1899, embodying a resolution of the Local Board of that Borough, calling for the laying of water-mains in Camelia street, from the Boulevard to Crescent street, in the First Ward in that borough, I respectfully report that, from report made to me thereon by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that, in order to accomplish the object of the resolution, it is necessary and proper that water-mains be laid in Camelia street, between the Boulevard and Crescent avenue, in Van Alst avenue, between Camelia street and Jamaica avenue. The distance for which the proposed mains are to be laid is 3,700 feet, on which there are sixty houses to be supplied with water, and the estimated cost of laying the mains is \$5,000.

I, therefore, submit for adoption by your Board and for transmission to the Municipal Assembly the drafts of a resolution and an ordinance authorizing the laying of the mains, and providing for the issue of Corporate Stock of the City of New York to pay the expense thereof.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Camelia street, from the Boulevard to Crescent street; in Van Alst avenue, between Camelia and Lincoln streets, and in Crescent street, between Camelia street and Jamaica avenue, all in the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following forms of ordinance were approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 2d day of August, 1899, be

and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of The Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Camelia street, from the Boulevard to Crescent street; in Van Alst avenue, between Camelia and Lincoln streets, and in Crescent street, between Camelia street and Jamaica avenue, all in the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York."

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 178 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York, to the amount of five thousand dollars, to pay for laying water-mains in Camelia street, from the Boulevard to Crescent street; in Van Alst avenue, between Camelia and Lincoln streets, and in Crescent street, between Camelia street and Jamaica avenue, all in the Borough of Queens.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, {
July 27, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, that the map or the plan of The City of New York be altered by extending the curb line on the north side of Caton avenue between the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad tunnel and Coney Island avenue, one foot or so much as may be necessary, to prevent the destruction of the shade trees on the street when curb stones are set in said street, I have to state as follows :

Caton avenue between the above limits is shown on the Map of Flatbush, filed in the Register's office of Kings County, June 13, 1874, and is 80 feet wide. According to the map the sidewalks are to be 18 feet wide and the carriageway 44 feet. For the above limits no sidewalks are made nor curb set, but the roadway is in use, and the line of trees set on both sides, about 18 feet from the side line of the street.

To properly protect the trees the curb should be set not closer than 2 feet to the nearest side of the tree, which would make the sidewalks, including the stoops, $20\frac{1}{2}$ feet and the roadway 39 feet, which would be a sufficient width for the roadway.

I recommend, therefore, that an ordinance for the Municipal Assembly be prepared establishing the width of sidewalk on Caton avenue, between the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad tunnel and Coney Island avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, at 20 feet 6 inches.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That the sidewalk on the north side of Caton avenue, between the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad tunnel and Coney Island avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be established at the width of twenty feet and six inches.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 416 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 2d day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That the sidewalk on the north side of Caton avenue, between the Brooklyn and Brighton Beach Railroad tunnel and Coney Island avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be established at the width of twenty feet and six inches.”

The following communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was laid over for one week :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
July 19, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—I respectfully call your attention to the fact that stone monuments governing the street corners in the various boroughs are being removed, covered by patent sidewalks and otherwise destroyed, the principal cause being the erection of area walls where new buildings are being erected. The disturbance of any monument stones is prohibited by sections 236 and 240 of the Revised Ordinances of 1897, where permits are required and notifications to be given where monuments are likely to be disturbed. I earnestly call your attention to this matter as one of serious moment, inasmuch as the cost of replacing a monument stone amounts to from fifty to one hundred dollars and in some cases more ; this, added to the delay in having to wait until such monuments have been reset, makes the matter one of the utmost importance. In many cases the monuments are pivotal, and the replacement of them necessitates an extended traverse, meaning a considerable expenditure of time and money. I would respectfully suggest the enforced co-operation of the Police Department, requiring a permit for excavation of any kind on any sidewalk, or on any corner lot, or at any place where monuments are placed, in The City of New York. I would also suggest for your consideration what appears to me to be the most effective preventative for this ill—to cause the permits to be countersigned by the Chief Topographical Engineer before they are issued, so that orders can be given to properly reference the monuments before they are disturbed. If this could be done, with the Police Department's insistence of production of permits for excavation, I believe the monumenting work of the City would be greatly facilitated. The Board of Public Improvements having the care of all monuments, it would seem to be the proper authority to issue such permits.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read, and the matter was referred to the Comptroller for information as to the condition of fund :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, NEW YORK, July 31, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your letter of July 24, inclosing copies of communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, also copy of petition relative to the construction of a sewer disposal plant in connection with the sewer system in the former Village of Jamaica, L. I.

I inclose herewith copy of report of the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Queens, in relation to that matter. I also report that, after a careful examination of all the documents on file in my office, I find no record relative to the erection of a disposal plant at the time the contract was awarded to construct sewers in the Village of Jamaica.

Respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

(Copy.)

NEW YORK, July 27, 1899.

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers, New York City :

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your communication relative to any existing funds for the construction of a disposal works to connect sewerage system with the former Village of Jamaica, Third Ward, Borough of Queens.

I most respectfully inform you that prior to consolidation, the late Village of Jamaica was bonded for \$150,000 for the construction of a sewerage system and that nearly all of the amount was expended without completing arrangements for an outlet.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners of the former village paid a contractor, James F. Gillen, \$100,639.58 on account of bills rendered by him, amounting to \$137,630.95.

Gillen still claims a balance of \$36,991.37 due him. When the village was merged into The City of New York, the Board of Sewer Commissioners turned a balance over to the Comptroller, an insufficient amount to pay the cost of an outlet.

I would state that outside of the insufficient sum in the hands of the Comptroller, there are no funds available for the erection of a disposal works, which means an approximate outlay of \$75,000, and which amount was stricken from my Departmental Estimate of this year, on the ground that the disposal works would have to be built by local assessments on the property benefited.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) M. J. GOLDNER.

The matters of laying crosswalks from northeast corner of Graham avenue and McKibben street, to the southeast corner of said streets, and from the northwest to the southwest corner of Bushwick avenue and Siegel street, which were recommended by the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, under date of May 3, and reported on by the Commissioner of Highways under date of June 1, were referred back to the Commissioner of Highways for an estimate of the cost of said work.

The recommendation of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, that One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street be opened, regulated and graded, which was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer on March 22, 1899, was referred to the Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Richmond was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND,
NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, held on the 27th day of July, 1899, the following resolution was adopted :

“Whereas, It seems to this Board that it is for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Bay street, from a point fifty feet northerly from the north house-line of Maple avenue to a point twelve hundred feet southerly therefrom, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that it favor the change of grade on the aforesaid streets as follows :

1st. Beginning at a point distant 50 feet northerly from the north house-line of Maple avenue, the elevation to be 5.5 feet above mean high water line as heretofore.

2d. Thence to a point 300 feet southerly, the elevation to be 3.5 feet above mean high water line.

3d. Thence to a point 100 feet southerly, the elevation to be 4.0 feet above mean high water line as heretofore.

4th. Thence to a point 350 feet southerly, the elevation to be 5.6 feet above mean high water line as heretofore.

5th. Thence to a point 290 feet southerly, the elevation to be 4.3 feet above mean high water line ; and

6th. Thence to a point 160 feet southerly, the elevation to be 7.7 feet above mean high water line as heretofore.”

Very respectfully,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was read :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 29, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution relative to the rebuilding and improving of the outlet of the Broadway sewer, which extends from Vernon avenue into the East river, in the First Ward of the Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of aforesaid borough at its meeting held on the 28th instant.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, That portion of the trunk sewer in Broadway which extends upon a pier from Vernon avenue out into the East river to the extent of about 540 feet in the First Ward, this borough, and was constructed under the General Improvement Commission of late Long Island City as created by chapter 644 of Laws of 1893, is and has been for some time past in a condition liable to cause said sewer to collapse ; and

Whereas, It would appear that such state of affairs as regards said sewer has been noticed by the Board of Health and in its province has urged that same receive the prompt attention of the City authorities thereto, and

Whereas, It further appears that the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers of this borough did communicate thereon to the Commissioner of Sewers, City of New York, and therein state that the approximate cost of compliance with the requirements of such sewer would be about \$25,000, and that the assessed valuations of lands and premises situated within the drainage area and district of assessment for original cost of construction of said sewer is \$3,209,206.

Now in view of the foregoing it is hereby

Resolved, That recommendation be and hereby is made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it take prompt and favorable action towards causing outlet of said sewer to be rebuilt and improved in order that same may permanently and fully respond to all the intents and purposes for which it was planned and constructed at great expense.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the rebuilding and improving of the outlet of the Broadway sewer, from Vernon avenue into the East river, Borough of Queens, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being twenty-five thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three million two hundred and nine thousand two hundred and six dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, }
NEW YORK, August 1, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit petition of Mr. Frank J. Nettleton, also copy of contract and agreement with The City of New York, with the proper sureties, etc., for permit to build private sewer in Beamont avenue, between Castleton and Forest avenues, First Ward, Borough of Richmond, at his own private cost and expense, the same to be done under the supervision and direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, and I ask your approval of the same.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Richmond was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, NEW BRIGHTON, }
NEW YORK, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, held on the 27th day of July, 1899, the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, hereby respectfully urges the Board of Public Improvements to amend its resolution passed on the 24th day of August, 1898, affecting private water companies located in the various boroughs of The City of New York, so as to exclude from the operation thereof the several private water companies doing business in the Borough of Richmond, and further to amend said resolution by providing that permission to extend water-mains or erect hydrants by that private water company doing business in the Third Ward of said borough be granted only upon condition that water be furnished from six additional hydrants in said ward for the purpose of sprinkling the streets of said borough, said hydrants to be designated by the Commissioner of Highways and said water to be paid for by the City.”

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

The following communication was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

LAUREL HILL, L. I., July 28, 1899.

To the Board of Public Improvements, No. 13 Park Row, New York City :

GENTLEMEN—The Nichols Chemical Company, situated in the Second Ward, in the Borough of Queens, New York City, most respectfully petition your Honorable Body to authorize the Citizens' Water Supply Company to place two fire-hydrants in the vicinity of our works, to protect us against fire, as we are without any protection from their system whatever.

We are, yours truly,

THE NICHOLS CHEMICAL COMPANY,
Per J. H. NIETZ, Superintendent.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, July 29, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York ; Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition by the property-owners along the line of Pomeroy street, from Jamaica avenue to Broadway, First Ward, Borough of Queens, for the extension of water-main therein, was duly adopted by the Local Board of borough aforesaid at its regular meeting held Friday, July 29, 1899.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The petition of owners of real estate in Pomeroy street, between Jamaica avenue and Broadway, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, for the extension therein of the public water-mains, as received by the President of said borough, was submitted to this, the Local Board of borough aforementioned, at meeting held this 28th day of July, 1899 ; and

Whereas, Said petition meets the approval of this Board ; therefore

Resolved, That recommendation be and hereby is given to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it take such action in the matter as will further the same toward prompt completion with the desires expressed in the petition herein, and the connection of fire-hydrants with said public water-mains.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read, and the matter was referred to the Corporation Counsel:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Under date of July 14, the Secretary of the Board transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fifth District, Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that the Department of Highways be instructed to remove from the foot of Sixty-fifth street, in said borough, obstructions consisting of railroad tracks and a building or buildings used by the company operating the railroad. Also such other obstructions as may be there.

In reply, I beg to report that a careful examination of the records of the County Clerk's Office, Kings County, shows that Sixty-fifth street was opened in 1893 under regular proceedings, instituted by the Board of Supervisors. The Commissioners' report and map were filed in the office of the Town Clerk of New Utrecht in May of that year. Several protests were made against the award, but in spite of these protests the report of the Commissioners was confirmed by Justice Gaynor on November 7, 1894, but the case has apparently not been heard in court. The tracks below First avenue are now in the same condition as when the report was filed and the buildings have not been removed. Between First and Second avenues one side-track has evidently been laid since the report was confirmed, as it is not shown on the Commissioners' map. The tracks between Second and Third avenues, which are now used by the Bensonhurst line, were there before the street was opened, and it is presumed that the railroad company which laid them had the right to do so. The street is actually open and in use as far west as First avenue, but the opening proceedings extended from Fourth avenue to the pier-line. Just what was the effect of the appeal from the confirmation of the report of the Commission by Justice Gaynor is not known by this Department.

Under these circumstances I recommend that the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel for advice.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully forward herewith, for such action as you may deem proper, a third map by N. J. Vander Weyde, for widening and extending certain streets south of Canal street, in the Borough of Manhattan.

I also transmit a description, and other papers, relative to the matter.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Richmond were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, {
NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., July 26, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On November 29 last, the Local Board of the Borough of Richmond forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements a petition for the construction of a storm-water sewer to relieve the wretched situation in the neighborhood of what is familiarly known as the Arrietta Street Brook in that section of the borough commonly known as Tompkinsville. The petition was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer, but no report has yet been made in view of the fact, I believe, that the final map and plan of this borough has not yet been made, the Charter preventing the construction of a regular sewer system until such map and plan have been adopted.

Since the action of the Local Board I have been receiving constant complaints of the almost unbearable situation in the vicinity of this brook, and I am convinced from the reports that come to me that something, even if only of a temporary character, should be done.

Many of the worst evils which this brook brings to the inhabitants of that locality arise not only from the fact that most all the private wastes of houses bordering on the brook empty into it, either directly or indirectly, but also, from the fact that the Central Avenue sewer, the Montgomery Avenue sewer and the Tompkins Avenue sewer and others, as I am informed, empty directly into it. For the consequences of such a state of affairs The City of New York will certainly be held responsible.

At times there is very little water in this brook and it can be easily appreciated how wretched life is to residents along the banks of such a sink-hole as this at times becomes. Physicians inform me that there is constant danger of a violent outbreak of disease at any time.

To show the opinion of experts in regard to this nuisance I enclose to you herewith a letter from Mr. T. A. Stuart, Assistant Secretary of the New York State Board of Health.

From another point of view the brook is a nuisance. Whenever we have a storm of any magnitude the brook overflows its banks and causes serious washouts in the streets which it crosses, besides flooding the lower floors of houses near its banks. I am informed that the cost to the City after each storm for repairs to the highways amounts in the year to many hundreds of dollars, and the damage to property-owners from flooding is certainly great.

As an example of damage done to private property along the banks of this brook I may cite the case of a Mr. Hayes, into whose house the water rushed during a storm one night last fall. The water rose high enough to put out the fire in his furnace. In another case, that of a Mr. Adams, during the storm the water rose high enough in the kitchen of his house to put out the fire in his stove. In the same house during the storms of the 12th and 23d insts., the water from the brook again broke into the kitchen and deposited mud to the depth of three inches, which had to be removed with a hoe and shovel.

A delegation of property-owners waited on me yesterday and requested me to again call this matter earnestly to the attention of your Board, and they asked me to respectfully state that, unless some relief was granted to the now unbearable state of affairs in that vicinity, they would feel constrained to take the necessary steps to institute legal proceedings.

The case in point affords but another example of the vital importance of completing at the earliest possible day the final map and plan of this borough, for this obstacle alone seems to stand in the way of practically all our public improvements.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

Mr. JAMES BRENNAN, No. 11 Brook street, New Brighton, S. I. :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of the 5th instant, you are informed that a report was made to this Board April 28, 1897, by Mr. John Bogart, one of the consulting engineers, concerning the condition of Arrietta Street brook, in which he stated as follows :

“ * * * What is called Arrietta Street brook is an old water-course which arises in an elevated region southwest of the village and continues directly through a populated part of the place. Its course is largely through private property ; in places it goes under houses which are used for dwellings or for business purposes. Except in such places it has an open channel, as formed by nature, and except at certain parts of its course its flow is obstructed by boulders and refuse.

“ The water-shed of this stream must have some considerable extent, but the flow from storm-water is much less than was formerly the case, because many streets have been graded and provided with gutters to take away from this brook the storm-water which it would otherwise carry.

“ A large amount of sewerage flows directly into this stream at different points. It was, at each time that I examined it, in a deplorable condition. There is not enough flow to carry away the sewerage and refuse which it received. It passes through a popular district.

“ There has been an epidemic of diphtheria in that district and a large portion of the cases, I am informed by the health officer, and also by one of the physicians in active practice, has been traced directly to the influence of this stream. I understand that the health officer, Dr. Walser, has referred to these facts in his recent report of the State Board of Health.

“ The Local Board of Health has frequently requested the village authorities to divert all sewerage from the stream, but the authorities have not complied with this request. On the contrary the flow of existing sewers is still permitted into this brook and there is other pollution from the various houses and outhouses along its course.

“ In my opinion, some action should be taken. The remedy is to condemn and abolish this brook and order suitable constructions in its place to carry storm-water and sewerage to a proper outlet.”

Very respectfully,

T. A. STEWART, Assistant Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, {
NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., July 29, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, held on the 27th day of July, 1899, the following resolution was adopted :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, hereby again respectfully calls the attention of the Board of Public Improvements to its resolution of the 29th day of November, 1899, respecting the establishing of a sewer to relieve the condition of affairs in the vicinity of the Arrietta street brook, and be it further

“ Resolved, That this Board earnestly requests the Board of Public Improvements to push to an early completion that portion of the map and plan of the Borough of Richmond that embraces the territory in question.”

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters were laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Complying with the request conveyed to me by a letter dated June 12 from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that the gutters on both sides of Jansen avenue be paved 400 feet south from the curb-line of Terrace View avenue, north, so as to prevent surplus material from being washed into Spuyten Duyvil creek, I beg to report that the estimated cost of the proposed improvement is \$400, and that the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$32,950.

I recommend that the improvement be authorized.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, {
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter dated July 14, 1899, from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting to this Department for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that First street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, should be repaved with asphalt, I beg to report that the present pavement on this street, from Fifth to Ninth avenue, or Prospect Park west, is asphalt, and if money were available to meet the estimated expenditure of \$6,200 for repaving with the same material the block between Fourth and Fifth avenues, I should unhesitatingly recommend the authorization of the improvement. As repeatedly reported by me on similar resolutions, there is no money at present to pay for such improvements.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, {
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated July 14 from the Secretary of the Board I received for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Eighth avenue, between Seventh street and Ninth street, should be repaved with asphalt.

In reply, I beg to say that on June 13, 1899, I reported to you on a resolution of the Municipal Assembly, recommending that Eighth avenue, from Ninth to Fifteenth street, and from Carroll to Seventh street, be repaved with asphalt. I then pointed out that the two blocks of Eighth avenue, between Seventh and Ninth streets, had been omitted and should be included. I further stated that the estimated cost of repaving Eighth avenue, between Carroll street and Fifteenth street, including the two blocks between Seventh and Ninth streets, with asphalt on concrete foundation, and five years' guarantee of maintenance, was \$53,100. I also reported that if the asphalt were laid on the present pavement the expense would be about \$41,900. There is no money to pay for this improvement at the present time.

Very respectfully,
JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In compliance with the request conveyed to me by a letter dated the 14th instant, from the Secretary of the Board, I beg to submit the following report on the resolution adopted July 10 by the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that South Oxford street, between Fulton street and Atlantic avenue, should be repaved with asphalt.

South Oxford street, between DeKalb avenue and Fulton street, is now paved with asphalt, and it is desirable to extend this smooth pavement to Atlantic avenue, but I cannot recommend the authorization of this improvement at this time because there is no money to pay the estimated cost of \$6,600 for asphalt on the present pavement with five years' maintenance.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On July 14, 1899, I received, with a letter from the Secretary of the Board, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Bergen street, between Albany avenue and Bedford avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement.

In reply, I beg to report that the estimated cost of the proposed improvement, including concrete foundation for the asphalt, is \$39,700. Lack of funds to pay for the improvement prevents me from recommending that it be authorized.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted June 26 by the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Hart street, between Tompkins avenue and Throop avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, I beg to report that an asphalt pavement with concrete foundation on that section of Hart street would cost \$7,400, including five years' maintenance.

There is no appropriation for this class of work, and no improvements of this kind can be undertaken until the Municipal Assembly shall authorize the issue of bonds for repaving streets.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to submit the following report on the resolution adopted June 26 by the Local Board of the First District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Grand avenue, between Gates avenue and Greene avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement.

The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement with concrete foundation on that part of Grand avenue, based on five years' guarantee of maintenance, is \$7,300. There are no funds to pay for the improvement at this time.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Reporting on the resolution adopted June 29 by the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Park place, between New York avenue and Brooklyn avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, I beg to say that there is no money to pay the estimated cost of \$7,500 for the proposed improvement.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Fifth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, should be repaved with asphalt pavement, which resolution was transmitted to this Department with a letter dated 14th instant from the Secretary of the Board, I beg to report that Fifth street, between Fifth and Seventh avenues, is already paved with asphalt, and it is certainly desirable to extend the pavement to Fourth avenue, as provided in the resolution.

The estimated cost of the work is \$6,200, including a concrete foundation for the asphalt and five years' maintenance.

No funds are available for such improvement at present.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated June 30 from the Secretary of the Board, I received for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing itself that Willoughby avenue, between Lewis avenue and Broadway, should be repaved with asphalt.

In reply, I beg to say that the repaving of Willoughby avenue, between Lewis avenue and Broadway, should extend from Throop avenue to Bushwick avenue, instead of from Lewis avenue to Broadway, as recommended in the resolution of the Local Board.

The estimated cost of this improvement is \$30,100, with five years' guarantee of maintenance. At present there is no money to pay for the work.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter dated the 7th inst. from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that Jefferson avenue, between Patchen avenue and Ralph avenue, should be repaved with asphalt as far as Patchen avenue, and the laying of an asphalt pavement between that point and Ralph avenue would extend the asphalt one block further.

The estimated cost of this improvement, with five years' guarantee of maintenance, is \$9,000. No funds are available to pay for the work at this time.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On June 26 the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, adopted a resolution expressing belief that South Second street, between Driggs avenue and Roebling street, should be repaved with asphalt pavement.

I have had an investigation made and find that an asphalt pavement on concrete foundation, with five years' maintenance, will cost \$3,700. No funds are available for such improvement.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated June 30 from the Secretary of the Board, I received for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fourth District, Borough of Brooklyn, directing that the sidewalk opposite the lots on the north side of Lexington avenue, between Grand avenue and Classon avenue, known as Lots Nos. 31, 32, 33, 81 and 47 to 52, inclusive, Block 73, Seventh Ward Map, be flagged with bluestone flagging, 5 feet in width.

In reply I beg to report that this improvement is necessary, and I recommend that it be authorized.

The estimated cost of the work is \$256, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$3,600.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read and placed on file :

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN—OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, }
August 1, 1899. }

Col. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements, City of New York :

DEAR SIR—The flagging of sidewalks in the following instances has been done by the owners since recommendation was made to the Board of Public Improvements by Local Boards of this borough that the flagging be done by the City :

Lot No. 1, Block 141, Eighth Ward Map, on Fifty-eighth street, between Second avenue and Third avenue (see Minutes of the Board of Public Improvements, April 19, page 696).

Lots Nos. 31 and 32, Block 31, Eighth Ward Map, on the east side of Third avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets (see Minutes of the Board of Public Improvements, July 12, page 1588).

I suggest that the papers in each of the above matters be placed on file.

Respectfully,

J. W. STEVENSON, Secretary.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read, and the matter was laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, {
NEW YORK, July 24, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of constructing sewer in Tenth avenue, between Twentieth and Fifteenth streets, Borough of Brooklyn, I respectfully report that the estimated cost is \$5,000 ; assessed value of the property within the probable area of assessment, \$65,000.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following resolution was adopted, and the accompanying form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the carriageway of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Lenox avenue to Seventh avenue, Borough of Manhattan, with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance from the contractor for five years, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand and seventy-eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 2d day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided

for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the carriageway of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Lenox avenue to Seventh avenue, Borough of Manhattan, with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance from the contractor for five years, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being nine thousand and seventy-eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

The following forms of ordinance were unanimously approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 17th day of May, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of retaining-walls on Macomb's Dam road, where necessary to sustain said road, between One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street and the Macomb's Dam Bridge abutment, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is thirty-five thousand dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 17th day of May,

1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Macomb's Dam road, from One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street to the Macomb's Dam Bridge abutment, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being five hundred and twenty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is thirty-five thousand dollars.

“ And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, August 9, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of July 26, 1899, were read and approved.

In the matter of the widening of Cauldwell avenue the following protests were read in opposition thereto, and the matter was laid over for one week.

In the matter
of
Widening Cauldwell avenue, between One Hundred and
Fifty-eighth street and One Hundred and Sixty-first
street, in the Borough of The Bronx.

To the Board of Public Improvements in The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned property-owners in the area of assessment for the widening of Cauldwell avenue, do hereby protest against the above proceeding of widening said Cauldwell avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

NEW YORK, August 6, 1899.

PHILLIP LAUTER and others.

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

I, D. Anna Farrer, the owner of a plot of land at the southwest corner of Cauldwell avenue and East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in The City of New York, Borough of The Bronx, having a frontage of one hundred and twelve feet on Cauldwell avenue, and a depth on One Hundred and Sixty-first street of one hundred and five feet, and being one hundred and twelve feet front and rear by one hundred and five feet in depth on each side, and having six dwelling-houses

erected thereon, do respectfully protest against the widening of Cauldwell avenue, as proposed in a proceeding now pending before your Board, and do submit the following facts and reasons against the adoption of the resolution proposed for such purpose :

That your petitioner is and has been for some time past, and was prior to the laying out of Cauldwell avenue, as at present laid out, the owner of premises formerly bounded on the easterly side of Avenue B, as shown on the map of Grove Hill. That when Cauldwell avenue was laid out, a strip of land was left between the property of this petitioner and the westerly side of Cauldwell avenue, over which an easement out to Cauldwell avenue survived to your petitioner.

That for the opening of Cauldwell avenue a very large assessment, amounting to about two thousand dollars, was assessed against the property of your petitioner, which has been paid. That assessments for grading, for sewer, for curbing and guttering, and for other purposes have been and are about to be assessed against your petitioner, for the improvement of the said Cauldwell avenue, upon the lines of the same so laid out and established as aforesaid.

That your petitioner since the laying out of Cauldwell avenue, as aforesaid, acquired the title in fee simple to all that portion of the strip of land lying between her property, formerly bounded along the westerly line of Avenue B and the new line of Cauldwell avenue, and is now the absolute owner and in full possession of the same, fenced and inclosed, and is in undisturbed occupancy of the whole of said strip of land, and her title to the same has been approved by the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company of The City of New York.

That your petitioner is about to build upon the same a substantial brick building, about thirty feet by seventy feet, which building will have a frontage about thirty feet on One Hundred and Sixty-first street and a frontage on Cauldwell avenue of about seventy feet, and will be of five stories or more in height.

That the widening of Cauldwell avenue, as proposed, will take from her the whole of said plot of land, one hundred and twelve feet on Cauldwell avenue by thirty feet on One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and deprive her of the use of the same ; and the cost of such widening will result, in addition, in a very large assessment being levied and assessed against her other property, without any benefit whatsoever accruing thereto, but on the contrary very considerable damage will result therefrom.

Your petitioner therefore submits :

First—That the very recent laying out of Cauldwell avenue on its present lines, and the collection of assessments for the same and for the improvements made therein, precludes the City from now altering these lines and reassessing adjoining property for taking and improving the altered street.

Second—That there is no public purpose to be accomplished by the change, but the whole object is to benefit a few private owners, who, for their own personal advantage, are pushing this matter to compel the City and their neighbors to settle private rights, and to pay for the accomplishment of their aims, to acquire advantages at the expense of others.

Third—That it is a dangerous precedent to establish for the City authorities to undertake to settle private rights by resolution of the Board of Public Improvements.

Fourth—That Cauldwell avenue, as at present laid out, is a fine wide avenue, of the uniform width of sixty-five feet, extending from Teasdale place on the north to Westchester avenue on the south. The widening proposed will change this width to ninety-five feet for one block and a part of another block only, and will result in an irregularity which will destroy the symmetry of the avenue, and will result in a disfigurement which will be a great damage to all the property along that portion of the street so widened. The Board of Public Improvements should hesitate before doing an act, in compliance with the demands of a few property-owners, which for all time will be a disfigurement of the symmetrical lines of a broad fine avenue, which has been already laid out in harmony with the general plan of avenues and streets in this section of the city.

Fifth—The change in the westerly line of Cauldwell avenue, caused by the widening, will result in the taking in of property in which the City has no interest, and a Commission will have to be appointed and awards and assessments made. The absurdity of the contention that no assessment will be levied is emphasized by the production, before this Board, of a title insurance in private owners to that portion of the strip in question lying along the line of the property of your petitioner.

Sixth—That there will certainly be an assessment levied on all the property lying along both sides of the said street is beyond question. The certainty of the extension of the area of the assessment to a district similar to the former area of assessment for the opening of Cauldwell avenue is beyond dispute. The natural inference, therefore, must be that the area of assessment will reach from St. Ann's avenue to Trinity avenue. That owners within that area of assessment should be notified and be entitled to be heard in this matter.

Dated AUGUST 9, 1899.

D. ANNA FARRER,

By N. D. LAWTON, Attorney-in-Fact.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

In the matter of The proposition to widen Cauldwell avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets.
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SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF MR. WILLIAM H. EBLING, JR.

Mr. Ebling is the owner of a lot 100 by 50 at the corner of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Cauldwell avenue, and is therefore one of the property-owners most seriously affected by the proposed widening of the avenue between that street and One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

Shortly after this matter was first brought before the Board a petition, signed by a majority of the property-owners along Cauldwell avenue most directly affected, was filed with this honorable body, and a memorandum and specific objections on the part of Mr. Ebling.

After a number of meetings, the question of the City's title to the strip proposed to be taken for widening purposes having been raised, the advice and opinion of the Corporation Counsel was sought. After an interval of some weeks the Corporation Counsel handed down a decision in which he held that the City had no title or claim of title to the strip in question.

Notwithstanding this pronouncement of the City's legal adviser, the Board, without notice to any objecting property-owners, passed the resolution, and the same now stands as a matter of records on the Minutes of the Board. When Mr. Ebling's counsel learned of this action, in conjunction with Mr. Lawton, counsel for the Farrer interests, and others, the application was made for a rehearing.

This application, through the courtesy of the President of the Board, was granted, and counsel were given an opportunity to be heard in support of their objection.

While there seems to be an evident spirit on the part of the Board to pass this resolution, Mr. Ebling feels so confident of the correctness of the position he has assumed that he begs to call the attention of the Board to the petition heretofore filed, and to emphasize the fact that the majority of the property-owners directly affected are there represented.

With due respect to the members of this body who favor the measure, he asserts that the widening of the avenue at the point indicated, making an unsightly indentation in the street at that point, can serve no useful public purpose.

This contention he made when the measure was supported, on the theory that the thirty-foot strip to be taken was the property of the City, and could be applied to the City's purposes with a nominal award. This contention is fortified and made stronger by the opinion of the Corporation Counsel to the effect that the City has no title or claim of title in question.

It follows, then, that the title in fee to this strip is in some private owner or owners, and the said owner or owners would be entitled to a substantial award of damages in the event of the City taking the property for this widening project.

The Lawyers' Title Insurance Company of The City of New York has obligated itself to issue a policy covering this strip.

If the title is not in the City, as the Corporation Counsel holds, which opinion is fortified by the willingness of the Insurance Company to warrant the title to some one else, then it is submitted that a proceeding of this character is not the proper method of acquiring the strip necessary to widen the avenue, even assuming that it is a measure in the public interest; an assumption which we emphatically dispute.

The title should be acquired in regular condemnation proceedings where the owners may appear and prove their damage.

It is submitted that this resolution is against the public interest, is unauthorized in this proceeding, and not within the scope of the powers of this Board.

NEW YORK CITY, August 9, 1899.

MOSES WEINMAN, Counsel for William H. Ebling, Jr.

In the matter
of
The proposed widening of Cauldwell avenue, between One
Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, or Cedar place, and
One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

NEW YORK, August 9, 1899.

BEFORE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Argument of Henry H. Sherman, Counsel for Property-owner Opposed to the Widening and in Favor of Rescinding the Resolution of the Board.

Mr. Henry H. Sherman, of No. 111 Broadway—I represent Mr. Frank E. Stephens and a very large number of other property-owners, whose written petitions I have here filed with the Board, protesting against this proposed widening of Cauldwell avenue. These property-owners are mainly on Cauldwell avenue, and will be affected in all probability by the assessment to be levied for this so-called improvement. There are also represented here before you the owners of certain plots, which include the thirty foot strip in question here, which was a part of the former Avenue B. We have never had an actual opportunity hitherto to be heard before the Board, which has already heard, I understand, the arguments of the petitioners who asked for the widening. We did not know, most of us, of any proposition to widen Cauldwell avenue, or those of us who knew of it believed and were told that the attempt had been long ago abandoned. My clients and their neighbors similarly situated are astonished and surprised to find the present state of

things existing and that a resolution has already been passed by your Board without their knowledge to make Cauldwell avenue of the necessary width of ninety feet at this point.

John Savage Shaw, by a map filed in the early fifties, laid out the Village of Grove Hill, and Avenue B, fifty feet wide was one of the streets thereon. These streets were simply village streets, and the title to them was never acquired by the City. They were, however, used by the property-owners who have frontages upon them, and the City kept them in order and informally accepted the dedication of them. Some of the property-owners who bought from Shaw saw to it that their deeds read in such wise that they took title to the middle of the street. In such cases there was only granted to Shaw's grantees the fee of the lot to the edge of the street, so long as it should be a street. Of course, when it ceased to be a street, the fee of the street in such cases reverted to the original owner, who is also represented here by grantees of his heirs or testamentary trustees, as I understand. Cauldwell avenue was quite recently laid out sixty feet wide throughout its entire length; the title has been fully acquired by the City in fee, and the street has been actually improved and is in full public use. It is a long avenue, and between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets it includes twenty feet of the original fifty feet of the old Avenue B, leaving on the westerly side of Cauldwell avenue the thirty feet in dispute. The owner of one hundred and twelve feet on Cauldwell avenue, at the corner of One Hundred and Sixty-first street, is also represented here, I understand, by Mr. Lawton, and he objects most strenuously to this proposed widening, because it would deprive him of the advantage of the thirty feet in depth by one hundred and twelve feet in length on Cauldwell avenue, which he has recently purchased from the heirs or representatives of the original owners, Shaw; and I am informed and believe that his title to this strip one hundred and twelve feet by thirty feet is guaranteed by Title Insurance Company.

Mr. Ebling, who owns the southerly corner of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, or Cedar place, also likewise objects, because his deeds already give him title in front of his premises to the land in fee to the centre of the old Avenue B, which, by the Act of 1895, with which your Honors are familiar, is divested of all easements; and if this widening takes place, it will place his house, which is very pleasantly situated back from the street, immediately upon the street, and spoil it for residential purposes. The remainder of the buildings fronting on this strip are back from the street and present a very handsome appearance, which will be much marred if the street be widened and these houses be left immediately fronting upon the westerly side of the new Cauldwell avenue as widened. I may mention here that the petitions I present are signed not only by Mr. William H. Ebling, Jr., representing himself and the estates of Philip Ebling, but also by Mr. William Ebling, Jr., as executor of the estate of William Ebling, which owns a large plot of land on the easterly side of Cauldwell avenue, running through to Trinity avenue.

My clients, gentlemen, protest against this disfigurement of Cauldwell avenue, first upon the ground that it is an attempt to alter the prominent maps of this section of the Borough of The Bronx without any real justification whatsoever. No possible public purpose can be subserved by this alteration. The avenue is sixty feet in length from end to end. My clients, one and all, have been already very heavily assessed for making Cauldwell avenue what it is. If it is widened, thirty feet of somebody's land, which is all front land, will have to be taken away and paid for. It is worth, at least, as I am informed, thirty thousand dollars. This cannot be all assessed very well upon the property on the westerly side of Avenue B, and it will be entirely discretionary with the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment as to where the lines of the area of assessment will run, and how far east or west, north or south they will extend. Our property has been highly burdened with the assessment for the opening and establishing, as it at present exists, of Cauldwell avenue. We do not want the avenue widened. Its widening will be an answer to no public demand, and will serve no possible useful public purpose of any kind whatsoever. Its widening is desired solely by private parties to straighten out questions of law and fact which arise in respect to them on titles—titles which they have assumed and purchased with their eyes open. I

do not believe that they are in any hole at all, because it will be very easy, as I understand and believe, to purchase from the present owners, at a low price, all rights whatsoever in the thirty-foot strip. But, even assuming that the petitioners for this widening are in a hole, what right have they or have the City authorities to say that we must bear the expense of pulling them out of that hole? Besides, they do not need to be pulled out of the hole, if there is any hole. A way is distinctly, lawfully and constitutionally provided by the Act of 1895, chapter 1006, by which, if they have been damaged by the closing of this old street, as doubtless they have been, the machinery of the law, full and ample, will be set in motion for their relief by their asking for it. Have they availed themselves of the provisions of that law? That I do not know. But if they have not, they should have done so, and it is not even yet too late so to do.

It should be to the advantage of the purchasers of this thirty foot strip, who have been denounced by unthinking persons, to have the avenue widened. For then it will be a sure method of selling their property at a handsome price. They have full title to it, as evidenced by the willingness of this Title Insurance Company to insure a title, and must, therefore, be awarded the full value of their land if it is engulfed in this proposed widening, and for this full value not only the property-owners, who ask for the widening under grave misapprehension, as I claim, of their rights, but all the surrounding property-owners in the neighborhood, who have been already assessed for Cauldwell avenue, will have to pay for this very large assessment, which must be levied. The fact, if it be a fact, that upon the original opening of Cauldwell avenue but the nominal sum of one dollar was awarded to unknown owners as the price of the twenty feet of Cauldwell avenue which was then taken, is met and overcome by the further fact that the act of 1895 had not then been passed, and that that twenty-foot strip taken in the original opening of Cauldwell avenue was not divested of its easements, and therefore no substantial award could have been made for it. But, immediately upon the passage of the act of 1895, the thirty-foot strip was lawfully, and for a public purpose, and in furtherance of a just legislative scheme to close unnecessary streets, lanes and alleys, divested of all easements, and the successors in interest of John Savage Shaw are invested with an unincumbered fee of the thirty-foot strip, subject, of course, to the payment of any damages which might be assessed or awarded against them in proceedings taken by injured property-owners under the provisions of the act of 1895. If proceedings were taken under the act of 1895, which is the course I should advise the petitioners who favor the widening to pursue, then, doubtless, all the damages which they prove will be assessed, not upon themselves, not upon this protestant and these objectors, but upon the strip thirty feet wide. That will have to bear, in all probability, the whole burden, because that practically is the only property which has been benefited by the abandonment of Avenue B. I must say that these petitioners have been very illy advised in this whole proceeding. They are taking the worst possible course in their own interests, and at the same time injuring their neighbors and bringing them into trouble about a matter with which they have and should have no earthly concern whatsoever.

The Act of 1895 simply shut up this old street, and, ipso facto, reinvested the fee-owner with full title to his land divested of all easements, subject, of course, to proper payment and compensation therefor, giving to the abutting property-owner in lieu of this easement which he formerly enjoyed a claim for damages full and complete. This act, which is for a public purpose, to secure a uniform and harmonious street system, has been declared constitutional by all the courts, and notably by the Appellate Division in the case of the matter of The Mayor, 28th Appellate Division, page 143, and by the Court of Appeals, which affirmed the Appellate Division's decision, as reported in the 157th New York Reports—in the case of Gerard avenue. But still later, namely on June 10 last, by a decision in the case of the Matter of One Hundred and Eighty-second street, not yet reported, in which Mr. Justice Ingraham delivered the opinion, the Appellate Division reiterated and reaffirmed the constitutionality of this Act of 1895, and said that it was a highly remedial act, which subserved public purpose of great importance, namely, the growing of a system of public streets which should be uniform and harmonious—not a system as proposed here of an avenue 60 feet in one block and 90 feet in width on the next

block. What possible necessity is there for a Boulevard 90 feet wide on the crest of this hill, back of a line of breweries? It is perfectly ridiculous and absurd to think that there can be any public necessity existing for such a state of things. The City Government is not responsible in any wise for the predicament, if there be any predicament, in which these petitioning property-owners find themselves, for they have bought their property and held it with their eyes open, with full knowledge of the law and the facts. The street opening law does not exist for their relief or for the relief of any purely private interest. The street opening law exists only for street, not public, purposes. It is not the authorities of the City who have deprived these persons of their easements, but the Legislature of The City of New York, which has solemnly, in pursuance of a well-recognized purpose, decreed that all old streets which are not in harmony with the new plan, which it was enacted should be unalterable, and which were not laid out or embraced in the new plan, should be opened, and that the property-owners, shut out or injuriously affected in any wise thereby, should have their remedy in the manner pointed out by the statute. Instead of pursuing the remedial methods prescribed by the law, these petitioners have set themselves up as a growling committee, and have asked the local authorities—meaning your Board—to overturn in behalf of their private grievance a street system established by the Legislature and the Department of Street Improvement, acting under legislative authority, by granting them the relief which they mistakenly ask in a manner not known to or recognized by the law. For the power in this Board of Public Improvement is not conferred upon or vested in you to redress private grievances. Your power is solely and entirely to act in the public interest, and not in the interest of any particular set of inhabitants or citizens. You must act for well-defined public reasons, for public purposes and from public methods, and solely and entirely to promote public conveniences and welfare. There is no possible public convenience, as I have already stated, which will be subserved by the widening of this avenue. Such action will be inharmonious, illogical, and the effect will be almost grotesque. It will cost all of these objectors enormous new burdens, which they could not have contemplated, and their present burdens have already been crushing in their intensity. My client, Mr. Stephens, recently purchased eight houses upon a plot, a portion of whose frontage is on Cauldwell avenue, and the result to him will be ruinous if the action taken by your Board is to be persisted in.

The late lamented Louis J. Heintz was elected Commissioner of Street Improvements for this territory in response to a well-defined local uprising in favor of home rule and of promoting street system. He and his successors put that system into operation. It was provided by the act creating the Department of Street Improvements for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards that the said maps, plans and profiles "shall not be subject to any future change or modification, but shall be final and conclusive as to the location, width, grades and class of the streets, avenues, public squares and places exhibited on such maps, plans and profiles."

The final maps and plans filed thereunder were duly approved November 2, 1895, as I am informed, so that these petitioners have six years after that time, under the Act of 1895, within which to file their claims for any damages sustained by them by reason of the abandonment of Avenue B, due to the fact that that avenue was not continued as a part of the new street system. The course pointed out by that act is the one which these petitioners should pursue according to the dictates of wisdom and prudence. Any other course, in my judgment, would be unwise and foolish.

Furthermore, how do you gentlemen of the Board of Public Improvements know as a matter of fact that the allegations made here as to the Shaw ownership and claim by the petitioners are true? Suppose they have made misstatements and mistakes; and suppose you have made a mistake in accepting as true the statements they make? Is this a court of record to hear and determine questions disputed between private parties? No; I claim, maintain and hold that this tribunal is created solely for the purpose of laying out streets, with reference to the public, for City purposes, with regard solely to the public weal and welfare, and in total disregard of the conflicting claims of property-owners, who have their remedies fully prescribed by statute, even if

they do not take the trouble to be advised by competent counsel of their rights and privileges under the law and the Constitution.

These petitioners are not going to lose any rights if their petition is defeated. They are not going to be damaged and injured in the eye of the law one dollar's worth. But if this petition is granted and the action taken is permitted to stand, my clients and a great number of others whose attention has not yet been called to this proceeding, will be irreparably damaged; they will have to pay for the widening of an avenue whose width has been already established, whose sidewalks have been fixed and laid, whose paving has been provided for, whose lines will be totally changed arbitrarily in one particular part to suit the whims of unreasonable persons who do not know their own best interests, who do not know their own rights, and who are willing, because of their abject surrender to the dictates of incompetence, ignorance or greed, to ask that their neighbors be plundered for their apparent gain.

I protest against this as an injury, in the name of home rule, in the name of the late departed Commissioner Heintz, whose birthday, next to that of George Washington, is most widely celebrated in the Borough of The Bronx, in the name of a liberty-loving and free community whose streets should not be changed and whose maps should not be altered at the blowing of every new wind from Heaven.

The complications which will arise from unwise action on your part cannot be all foreseen. If you abandon principle in your dealings with the street system, and act simply according to the wishes of miscellaneous and hysterical persons who may petition you from time to time, a complicated street system and situation will arise the ghosts of which will plague the City government for generations to come.

Furthermore, according to the latest decision of the Appellate Division, in regard to this Act of 1895, the easements of the abutting owners in the strip of closed street are not finally divested until payment is made and tendered for the damages sustained; so that in this view, and in this be the law, there is nothing to prevent the abutting owners from continuing their use of the strip until they have been fully compensated.

The lots of these abutting at present have probably very little value. If they should buy all rights to the thirty-foot strip, their lots would be more than double in value, and it would leave their property in very much better shape, and this I am very sure would not cost nearly so much as the sum for which they would be sure to assess if Cauldwell avenue be widened. If they purchase the thirty-foot strip, their lots would then be one hundred and thirty feet deep instead of one hundred feet, and the handsome houses which now set back about thirty feet and are very ornamental, would be greatly sought for and appreciated by home seekers, and very handsome prices could be realized for them. I doubt not that such a one hundred and thirty foot lot would be worth at least five thousand dollars.

To sum up, we say that the petitioners for the widening are mistaken as to the law and their rights, and that the proposed widening would be the height of folly in every aspect; and that we who have already paid our share will be surely burdened without any reason or excuse. The petitioners should assert their rights and pursue the ample remedy accorded them by the statute. In that way the Shaw interest will doubtless be assessed for most of the damages. In case of the widening, the Shaw interest would be fully valued and the burden be thrown upon the surrounding property. The street opening law exists only for public purposes, and not to solve difficulties in land titles existing between private parties with which neither the City nor its citizens as a whole have any concern whatsoever. The street opening law exists only for the purpose of opening streets which are needed for public as distinguished from private purposes. It does not interfere, of course, with the laying out of purely private streets. That is always the privilege of land-owners, but it does not contemplate in any wise the use of the vast powers of this Board to discriminate between classes of property-owners, or to give to one class an advantage over another class.

This Board is not a court of justice to reconcile or to decide between conflicting private ownerships or interests.

It is the Legislature of the State of New York that has spoken in the Act of 1895. It is not for you to undo what the law has solemnly enacted. It is not for you to change or alter a well-considered street system, except at the behest of some overwhelming public demand.

The Corporation Counsel, to whom the matter was referred, decided simply, as I understand, that the City as a municipal corporation has no interest in the thirty-foot street, and that the abutting owners had an easement therein subject to the provisions of chapter 1006 of the Laws of 1895, which the Corporation Counsel did not in that opinion attempt to construe. The City having no interest, where have you, gentlemen, any authority for taking up the matter afresh and altering the well-considered street system of that district.

On motion of the Commissioner of Bridges, the following resolutions were adopted in the matter of acquiring land for the approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of the approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending the approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of

Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of the approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending the approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby requested to embrace in one and the same proceeding the proceeding to acquire title to the land required for the approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at West One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, in the Borough of Manhattan, and the proceeding to acquire title to the land required for the approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, resolutions for which were adopted by this Board on August 9, 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
August 8, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

DEAR SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, communication from the President of the Borough of Richmond, recommending a change of grades of Bay street, from a point fifty feet northerly from the north House-line of Maple avenue to a point 1,200 feet southerly therefrom, I have to state that this matter was favorably reported on to the Board of Public Improvements, and that said Board on April 4, 1899, passed a resolution adopting a map showing such change, and that the matter was forwarded to the Municipal Assembly for its concurrence.

The papers are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was approved and the recommendation denied :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
August 8, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan approving the recommendation of the Municipal Assembly for the opening, laying out and continuation of Avenue B, from Twentieth to Twenty-third street, I have to state that Avenue B is laid out as far as Twenty-first street, and that if it were continued in a straight line it would run through the ferry-houses of the Broadway, Williamsburgh, Ferry.

This extension would run over land under water and is therefore under the jurisdiction of the Dock Department.

The avenue might be extended northerly from Twenty-first street to its intersection with the marginal street which was established by the Dock Department, and from which point direct access could be given to Twenty-third street.

I return herewith the papers in the matter and transmit a sketch showing location of streets, avenues, slips, etc., in that locality.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse,

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and placed on file :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, August 8, 1899.

In the matter

of

The Public place situated between East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, Courtlandt avenue and the New York and Harlem Railroad, in the Twenty-third Ward.

To the Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—I have received a communication from your Secretary, dated January 19, 1899, in reference to the subject described above, and informing me that at a meeting of the Board held on January 18, 1899, this matter, with all the papers relating thereto, was referred to me for my opinion.

Attached to the papers are two communications from Mr. Haffen, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, to the President of the Board of Public Improvements, dated, respectively, December 14, 1898, and January 17, 1899, and also a copy of a report from the Chief Engineer of the Topographical Bureau, dated January 18, 1899.

The plot of land between One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixty-second streets, Courtlandt avenue and the New York and Harlem Railroad, was duly laid out as a public place on the official map filed November 2, 1895, by the former Commissioner of Street Improvements of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Previously, however, and on the 21st of November, 1894, the Board of Street Opening and Improvement requested the Counsel to the Corporation to take the necessary proceedings to acquire title, for the use of the public, to this tract of land, and also resolved "That the entire cost and expense of such proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

At the meeting of the same Board held on April 9, 1896, a communication dated February 13, 1896, from the Counsel to the Corporation, was presented, to the effect that he had caused an application to be made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of opening this public place ; that on the 6th of February, 1896, an order appointing such Commissioners had been duly entered ; that the Commissioners had qualified, and their oaths were duly filed on the 11th of February, 1896.

He suggested that, as there were buildings on the land, a resolution should be adopted that the title should vest in the City upon a date to be fixed by the Board not less than six months from the 11th day of February, 1896, the date of the filing of said oaths.

Whereupon, and on April 9, 1896, the Board of Street Opening and Improvement adopted a resolution that title to this land be vested in The City of New York, on the 18th day of August, 1896.

I am informed by the Assistant Corporation Counsel in charge of the Bureau of Street Openings that the Final Maps were received on the 13th of September, 1898 ; that a preliminary report as to awards only has been filed ; that objections to the awards have been heard and the final report as to the same will be ready in a short time.

This course was taken in order that the question of the assessments might be passed upon in the future, and to that branch of the matter I now come ; what I have previously stated being necessary in order to understand the situation.

It will be observed that, as the matter stands at present, it has been determined by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement that the entire cost of acquiring title to this land should be recovered by assessment upon the property deemed benefited, and that if the proceeding continues to a conclusion in the ordinary course such an assessment would be imposed.

It is urged, however, by Louis F. Haffen, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, that no assessment should be laid, but the entire cost of the acquisition of title to this land should be borne by The City of New York.

It is claimed by Mr. Haffen that the Hon. Francis M. Scott, when Counsel to the Corporation, acquiesced with him in the proposition that an act of the Legislature authorizing the payment of this cost by the City should be passed, and that the Mayor also concurred.

The only act relating to the subject which was passed by the Legislature, of which I am am aware, is chapter 644 of the Laws of 1897. Whatever the intention of those urging the passage of this act may have been, it certainly does not provide that the property-owners shall be relieved from assessment for this improvement.

The act authorized the Board of Street Opening and Improvement to acquire title to this land, and to make application for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment ; that the proceedings should be had pursuant to the acts in force relative to the opening of streets and public places in The City of New York, which acts, so far as they are not inconsistent with the said chapter, were made applicable to this public place in the same manner and to the same extent as if it had been originally laid out as a public place by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of 1807.

The second section provided for the payment of the awards and expenses by the City out of the Fund for Street and Park Openings.

The third section authorized the issuance of bonds on account of the fund, if necessary in order to pay the damages, costs and expenses.

I fail to see how this act altered in any respect the existing law, but whether it did or not it seems clear, as already stated, that it does not operate to relieve the property-owners of the proposed assessment, so that if the proceeding is prosecuted to its conclusion, it will be necessary that the awards and assessments be made and confirmed in the usual manner under the general street-opening laws.

Mr. Haffen states that there was an error or oversight in omitting from the act a provision that the whole cost of the improvement should be borne by the City. It seems likely that such was the case, otherwise, as already intimated, there would have been no reason for the passage of the act.

The Legislature would doubtless have the power to relieve the property-owners from the assessments through a new special act, as is suggested in Mr. Haffen's letter. I think, however, that such a course is not the only way of attaining that end.

It is provided in section 980 of the Greater New York Charter, as follows :

"The Board of Public Improvements may in any case determine whether any, and if any, a portion of the cost and expense thereof (acquisition of title to the land) shall be borne by The City of New York, and the remainder of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

It is to be noted that the Board of Public Improvements has the power, under the above statute, to rescind or revoke the former action of the Board of Street Opening in assessing the entire cost upon the property benefited and to determine that the same shall be borne by The City of New York.

Whether such a course should be followed or not in the present case rests in the direction of the Board of Public Improvements.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. BLANDY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

The following communication was referred to the Commissioner of Highways for the estimated cost of the proposed work, and the assessed valuation of property within the area of assessment :

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, August 7, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—In the absence of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, I submit for your consideration the inclosed resolution, requesting the Comptroller to certify to your Board whether one-third of the total assessment has been paid by the property-owners along the line of Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, for the grading and paving of said street, as required before the contract can be let.

Proceedings for the improvement of Butler street were commenced by the officials of the former City of Brooklyn, and the Comptroller and Corporation Counsel have determined (see Minutes of the Board of Public Improvements, August 24, 1898, pages 672 to 680) that as soon as one-third of the total assessment has been paid, the Board of Public Improvements may authorize the Department of Highways to enter into a contract for carrying out the improvement.

I am informed that a recent payment brings the total of the assessments received by the City for the grading and paving of Butler street up to the required amount.

As it will be necessary before final action can be taken by the Board of Public Improvements that an estimate of cost of the grading and paving be at hand, I submit also a resolution requesting the Commissioner of Highways to report such information.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

And the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to certify to the Board of Public Improvements whether one-third of the total assessment for the grading and paving of Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, has been paid.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, August 3, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Acknowledging receipt of a letter dated the 24th ultimo, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Eighth District, Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that proceedings be initiated to regulate, grade and pave with asphalt, Regent place, between Flatbush avenue and Ocean avenue, and to set or reset curb and gutter, and to lay crosswalks and flag or reflag sidewalks where not already done, I beg to report that the estimated cost of the proposed improvement, based on five years' maintenance, and including a concrete foundation for the asphalt, is \$6,200. This improvement is necessary and I recommend that it be authorized.

The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$75,000.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Regent place, between Flatbush avenue and Ocean avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the paving of the carriageway with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, the setting or resetting of the curb and gutter, laying of crosswalks, and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-five thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board—5.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 9th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided ; namely,

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of Regent place, between Flatbush avenue and Ocean avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, and the paving of the carriageway with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, with a five years' guarantee of maintenance from the contractor, the setting or resetting of the curb and gutter, laying of crosswalks, and the flagging or reflagging of the sidewalks where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six thousand two hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seventy-five thousand dollars.

"And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

The following resolution was adopted, in accordance with the report of the Commissioner of Highways, laid over at the meeting of August 2 :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the gutters on both sides of Jansen avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, four hundred feet south from the curb-line of Terrace View avenue, North, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is thirty-two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 9th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as herein provided ; namely,

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of the gutters on both sides of Jansen avenue, in the Borough of Manhattan, four hundred feet south from the curb-line of Terrace View avenue, North, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being four hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is thirty-two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.

"And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, August 4, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully request authority to cancel 20 days' overtime on the contract of Messrs. Donovan Brothers for macadamizing Prospect avenue, Middletown roads, Borough of Richmond, known as Contract No. 9.

In my judgment, 20 of the 41 days' overtime under said contract should be canceled, because the contractors were delayed 14 days by the tardiness of a property-owner in removing a fence which encroached on Prospect avenue and 6 days by encountering a private sewer running several hundred feet on the wing of the road. It was necessary to lower this sewer in solid soap-stone by reason of the change of grade at that point of the work.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and is hereby authorized to remit the penalty for twenty (20) days' overtime on contract of Donovan Brothers, for macadamizing Prospect avenue, Middletown roads, Borough of Richmond, known as Contract No. 9, said overtime not having been caused by any fault of the contractor.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Richmond and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, August 1, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully request authority to cancel a charge of 216¼ days' overtime under the contract of Messrs. Spencer & Maher (Charles L. Doran, assignee), for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, on the ground that by failure on the part of the City to make payments, in consequence of the debt limit question, the work under the contract was delayed for a period equal to the overtime.

As a condition of the cancellation of the overtime, the contractor has signed a document releasing the City from all claims he may have on account of the City's failure to make payments under the contract when they became due.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and is hereby authorized to remit the penalty for two hundred and sixteen and one-quarter ($216\frac{1}{4}$) days' overtime on contract of Messrs. Spencer & Maher, for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, from Jerome avenue to the Concourse, Borough of The Bronx ; in consequence of the debt limit question, the work under the contract was delayed for a period equal to the overtime.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The matter of construction of sewers in Fifty-fourth street, between Fort Hamilton and Seventh avenue, etc., Borough of Brooklyn, which was laid over at the meeting of April 12, (Minutes, page 623), was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer to report if the streets affected were legally opened.

The following communication was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

BROOKLYN, August 7, 1899.

To the Board of Public Improvements :

We, the undersigned, hereby apply for the opening of the streets shown on the inclosed map, and which are colored blue, for which we have submitted a deed of cession to the Corporation Counsel, and which is acceptable to him.

He desired, however, that the streets shown on the accompanying map in Queens County shall be first accepted by your Board as part of the official map of the City.

All that is now required to complete this is that the streets as shown on the inclosed map shall be accepted by City as part of the City Map.

The streets laid down thereon are in accordance with the Commissioner's Map of Kings County, and the streets in Queens County are the continuation of the lines of streets as laid down on the Commissioner's Map of Kings County.

Your early attention will facilitate this matter and greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

RUSSELL & JULLIAND,
By KIENDL BROS., Attorneys.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, August 3, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, petition of the Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company for a permit to build sewers in East Twenty-first street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 480 feet southerly from Avenue F ; in East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 370 feet southerly of Avenue F, I have to state as follows :

The sewers to be constructed are as follows : Twenty-first street, from Foster avenue to a point 480 feet southerly from Avenue F ; East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue to a point

370 feet southerly of Avenue F ; East Twenty-third street, from Foster avenue to a point 360 feet southerly of Avenue F ; East Twenty-fourth street, from Foster avenue to a point 150 feet southerly of Avenue F ; East Twenty-fifth street, from Foster avenue to Avenue F ; East Twenty-sixth street, from Flatbush avenue to Avenue F, as shown on the maps and contract submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers.

All these sewers are filed on Map Y, Sewerage District No. 45, filed March 7, 1899, and there is no obstacle against granting the permission with the exception of sewers in East Twenty-first street and East Twenty-third street, in which cases the filed Sewerage Map Y does not show the same summit as the contract plan. The sewers proposed to be built extend beyond the summit between Avenues F and G, as indicated on the filed map.

I recommend, therefore, that the contract plan be changed to conform to Sewerage Map Y, or that a supplementary map showing change of location of summit of sewer be filed. Book and papers returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from the Board of Health was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

NEW YORK, August 4, 1899.

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held August 2, 1899, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the report of Acting Chief Sanitary Inspector Bramley in respect to filling in the cellar of razed building No. 540 Fifth avenue, Borough of Manhattan, be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements, with the request that for sanitary reasons the Department of Highways be authorized and directed to have said cellar filled with fresh earth.

A true copy.

C. GOLDERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
July 27, 1899. }

To the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent :

SIR—On complaint of a citizen an inspection was made of premises No. 540 Fifth avenue, and the same were found to be in a dangerous condition ; that the cellar of the razed building is filthy with offensive refuse and stagnant water.

An order (No. 11968) was issued on April 11, 1899, against Pease & Elliman, of No. 532 Fifth avenue, requiring the abatement of the nuisance. They disclaimed responsibility, and notice was served on J. Tuckerman Tower, of Milbrook, N. J., who has neglected to comply with the order.

All means at the disposal of this Department for the enforcement of the order having been exhausted, I recommend that the Board of Public Improvements be requested to authorize the Department of Highways to have the cellar filled in with fresh earth.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H. A. BRAMLEY, Acting Chief Sanitary Inspector.

A true copy.

C. GOLDERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

The following petitions were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

CLARENCE TRUE, ARCHITECT,
No. 2291 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, }
June 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 346 Broadway, City :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully call your attention to Seventy-ninth street, between Boulevard and the river.

This street is in a very bad condition.

The block between West End avenue and Riverside drive roadway is full of holes, the curb is out about six or eight inches in grade as well as position and the sidewalks are dangerous to pedestrians.

This neighborhood has been entirely improved with high-class dwellings and apartment houses, and as this street is one of the entrances to Riverside Park, I suggest, as the street has to be repaved to make it safe, that the sidewalk be widened and grass plots and trees be planted, the same as are in Eighty-sixth and Ninety-sixth streets, all of which are wide streets, same as Seventy-ninth.

I herewith submit diagram showing contemplated improvements to the street, and I trust the Board will act soon upon this matter, as I am just finishing some fine dwellings at Seventy-ninth street and Riverside drive, and if I lay the sidewalks at the proper grade it will make it dangerous where they come in contact with the adjoining property.

Yours respectfully,

CLARENCE TRUE.

CLARENCE TRUE, ARCHITECT,
No. 2291 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, }
June, 27, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I am the owner of property on Seventy-ninth street, between the Boulevard and Riverside Drive, and approve of the suggestion made by Clarence True, President of the Riverside Building Company, of widening the sidewalks in Seventy-ninth street, when the City repaves the street.

Yours respectfully,

WM. B. FRANKE.

The following communication was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

NO. 48 HAUSMAN STREET, BROOKLYN, August 1, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN :

DEAR SIR—Inclosed please find a petition signed by a majority of the property-owners in our section of the city for the improvement of Meeker avenue.

We trust your honorable body will take immediate action and hope to be benefited by the same at an early date.

An inspection of this locality will assure one of its hazardous condition.

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. A. WALSH, President Sutton Wheelmen.

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BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, July, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—The undersigned petitioners, residents and taxpayers of the Borough of Brooklyn, respectfully represent that they believe it would be to the greatest good of our section of the city to secure the construction of a cinder path by which it is proposed to connect Driggs avenue with Penny Bridge, through Meeker avenue, the last named being now in a deplorable and unsafe condition either for pedestrians or wheelmen.

CHAS. A. WALSH and others.

The following communication from the Board of Aldermen was referred to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies :

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

In the matter

of

Petition of residents of Second street, Williamsbridge, New York, asking for passage of a resolution empowering the Northern Gas-light Company to lay gas-mains through the above street.

Petition.

NEW YORK, July 14, 1899.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

The petition of the undersigned, citizens of New York, residents and property-holders on Second street, from White Plains avenue to Sixth avenue, Williamsbridge, Borough of The Bronx, respectfully sets forth :

That the present system of lighting the above-named thoroughfare with gasoline lamps, and our dwelling-houses with oil lamps, is totally inadequate to our wants, comfort and convenience in this neighborhood.

We therefore, respectfully but energetically, urge your Honorable Body to pass a resolution authorizing the Northern Gas-light Company to lay a gas-main from White Plains avenue to Sixth avenue, on Second street.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

JOHN G. WELSH and others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The following communication was referred to the President of the Borough of The Bronx :

OFFICE OF WILLIAM D. PECK,
NO. 256 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY, }
August 4, 1899.

To the Board of Public Improvements, Syndicate Building, New York City :

GENTLEMEN—Inclosed please find a petition for gas-mains and lamp-posts to be erected in Loring place, between One Hundred and Eighty-third street and Fordham road.

An early compliance with the request of the petitioners will greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM D. PECK.

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

The undersigned, owners of property adjoining Loring place, between One Hundred and Eighty-third, or Hampden street, and Fordham road, respectfully petition that gas-mains be laid and lamp-posts erected in Loring place, between One Hundred and Eighty-third, or Loring street, and Fordham road, in the Borough of The Bronx, in The City of New York. Houses are now being erected and gas-mains are needed for gas connections for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. HARRISON and others.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
August 3, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On July 10, 1899, the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, adopted a resolution expressing belief that Tenth street, between Prospect Park, West, and Fourth avenue, should be repaved with asphalt pavement. This resolution was transmitted to me with a letter dated July 24, from the Secretary of the Board, for investigation and report.

In reply, I beg to say that Tenth street, between the points named, is paved with belgian blocks, suitable for a foundation for an asphalt pavement.

The estimated cost of the proposed improvement is \$22,600, with five years' maintenance of the asphalt.

There is no money to pay for this work at present.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
August 3, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated the 14th ultimo, from the Secretary of the Board, I received, for investigation and report, a petition by the Scoville and Adams Company, of New York, and others, for repaving with asphalt, on the present stone pavement, Eleventh street, between University place and Broadway, Borough of Manhattan.

This street is paved with belgian blocks, in which there are but few depressions, though the blocks are much worn. The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement between the points named is \$5,800, with a guarantee of maintenance for ten years. There is no money to pay for the improvement at this time, hence I cannot recommend its authorization.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
August 3, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On July 24 the Secretary of the Board forwarded to this Department, for investigation and report, a communication addressed to you by the President of the Board of Education, requesting that the roadway of West Thirteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Borough of Manhattan, be repaved with asphalt.

I have had an examination made of the pavement on that part of Thirteenth street and find that it consists of oblong granite blocks, laid on sand foundation in 1882. While the blocks are considerably worn, the pavement is free from bad ruts. There is a public school on the block and the street is much used by the trucks and delivery wagons of the large drygoods stores in the vicinity. An asphalt pavement is desirable, but at present there are no funds to pay the estimated cost of \$8,900.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 3, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Eightieth street, between Amsterdam avenue and Kingsbridge road, be paved with asphalt block pavement, on concrete foundation, I beg to report that the work of regulating and grading this street was recently completed, and it is necessary to pave the roadway as soon as sufficient time has been allowed for settlement of the filling, which was necessary to bring the street to grade.

I therefore recommend that the paving of One Hundred and Eightieth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Kingsbridge road, with asphalt block pavement, on concrete foundation, be authorized, at an estimated cost of \$19,000, including five years' maintenance. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$198,000.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 4, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to submit the following report on a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Eleventh avenue, be regulated and graded, said resolution having been received, with a letter dated June 26, from the Secretary of the Board.

Proceedings for legally opening this street are pending, and as time will be saved by authorizing the regulating and grading of the street now, I recommend that the regulating, grading, curbing and flagging of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, from Amsterdam avenue to Eleventh avenue, be authorized.

The estimated cost is \$12,500, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$179,500.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 3, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter, dated June 26, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Broadway to Eleventh avenue, be regulated and graded, I beg to report that this street has not yet been legally opened, but

proceedings for acquisition of title to it by the City are pending, and will probably be consummated before this Department is ready to make a contract for the improvement. Under these circumstances I recommend that One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Broadway to Eleventh avenue, be regulated, graded, curbed and flagged, as provided in the resolution of the Local Board, at an estimated cost of \$10,700. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$122,000.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 3, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—As requested by a letter, dated June 26, from the Secretary of the Board, I beg to submit the following report on a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twentieth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Eighty-third street, from East End avenue to the East river, be paved with granite-block pavement.

Proceedings are pending for the establishment of the official grade of this street, and an estimate of the cost of paving it cannot be furnished at present.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was approved, and placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 3, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter, dated July 24, from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting to this Department, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Sixth District, Borough of Brooklyn, recommending that Fifteenth street, between Fourth and Sixth avenues, be repaved with asphalt, I beg to report that there is a surface railroad on this street, and that the next street north (Fourteenth street) is already paved with asphalt from Fourth avenue to Prospect Park, West. It is therefore not deemed advisable to recommend the repaving of Fifteenth street at this time. In any case there is no money available to meet the estimated expenditure of \$14,300 for an asphalt pavement, on concrete foundation, on the section of Fourteenth street named in the resolution of the Local Board.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read, and the matters were laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, August 7, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost for the construction of sewers, etc., in Crotona Park, Freeman street, Hoe street, Timpson place, East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street and in Jackson avenue, Borough of The Bronx, with the assessed valuation of the property within the probable area of assessment, as follows :

Sewers, etc., Crotona Park, south from Fulton avenue to Franklin avenue—

Estimated cost.....	\$3,819 00
Assessed valuation, etc.....	13,050 00

Sewers, etc., in Freeman street, from Southern Boulevard to Vyse street, and in Hoe street, from Freeman street to summit north of Freeman street—

Estimated cost.....	\$12,535 00
Assessed valuation, etc.....	55,400 00

Sewers, etc., in Timpson place, from East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street to East One Hundred and Forty-seventh street—

Estimated cost.....	\$5,785 00
Assessed valuation, etc.....	12,555 00

Sewer, etc., in East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, from Lafontaine avenue to Hughes avenue—

Estimated cost.....	\$3,196 00
Assessed valuation, etc.....	18,400 00

Sewer, etc., in Jackson avenue, from East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street to East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street (Cedar place)—

Estimated cost.....	\$3,670 00
Assessed valuation, etc.....	35,600 00

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

The following petition was placed on file, the Corporation Counsel having advised the Board that no change can be made from the original resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of Brooklyn :

To the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, Board of Improvements and Municipal Assembly, City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned property-owners, owning property along the line of Berriman street, between Atlantic avenue and New Lots road, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to substitute asphalt pavement in preference to granite-block paving for the proposed improvement of said Berriman street, proceedings for which are now under way.

Trusting this petition may meet with your approval, we respectfully sign our names hereto.

THOS. SMITH AND OTHERS.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, }
August 3, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements referring, for report, a communication from the Commissioner of Sewers transmitting blue print of section No. 3 of the

main relief sewer through Greene avenue and other streets, Borough of Brooklyn, and stating that much damage is done to property by the continuous flooding of cellars along the proposed course of the main sewer from Johnson to Central avenue and Woodbine street, and urgently recommending the authorization of this proposed sewer extension which is estimated to cost \$170,000, I have to state as follows :

This relief sewer extension will run through the following streets: (1st) Greene avenue, from Patchen to Bushwick avenue, opening confirmed December 26, 1857 ; (2d) Bushwick avenue, from Greene avenue to Weirfield street, opening confirmed June 7, 1860 ; (3d) Weirfield street, from Bushwick to Evergreen avenue, no record of opening ; (4th) Evergreen avenue, from Weirfield to Halsey street, opening confirmed April 7, 1873 ; (5th) Halsey street, from Evergreen to Central avenue, opening confirmed January 15, 1872 ; (6th) Central avenue, from Halsey to Eldert street, opening confirmed November 6, 1871.

All these streets lie within the Twenty-fifth Ward (Old Brooklyn) and Twenty-eighth Ward (South Bushwick), and the proposed sewer discharges into Greene avenue sewer at Patchen avenue, which has a diameter of 120 inches.

The Legislature sanctioned a bond issue to pay for these sewers under the following act : Chapter 583 of the Laws of 1888, as amended by chapter 354 of the Laws of 1889, chapter 379 of the Laws of 1894.

A sewer system for Brooklyn was laid out and built in about 1840. This system proved to be inadequate for the development of the city, resulting in the flooding of cellars and basements and causing the City to be involved in many suits for damages.

To remedy these conditions a commission of Civil Engineers was appointed, which devised a plan for a system of relief sewers of which a part has been built during the past years, but were stopped on account of the debt limit of the City of Brooklyn having been reached.

After an examination of the reports and maps at the office of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, and of his reports submitted to the Board of Public Improvements, it was found evident that the question of relief sewers was systematically and scientifically treated. The relief sewer system was amplified by the present Chief Engineer of Sewers of the Borough of Brooklyn, and there is little doubt that if the plans are adhered to there will be in due time a perfect sewerage system in that part of the borough.

I recommend, therefore, that the plans submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers be approved and the work authorized.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

On motion of the President of the Borough of Richmond, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The New York and Staten Island Electric Company has recently turned off the electric current from 357 incandescent lights in that section of the Borough of Richmond formerly known as the Village of Edgewater, being all the incandescent lights in that section of the borough ; and

Whereas, All the residential streets of said section are consequently in total darkness ; and

Whereas, It is alleged that the reason for this action on the part of the company is the failure by the City to pay the bills of said company for lighting in that locality under the contract which

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expired May 31, 1898, and the failure of the City to make any new arrangement for such lighting ;
now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and he
hereby is requested to forthwith make such temporary arrangements as may be necessary for the
immediate lighting of said streets.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of
Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Manhattan, and President
of the Board.

Negative—None.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, August 16, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Comptroller, the Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers (Deputy Commissioner Donohue), the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of August 2, 1899, were approved.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, {
August 10, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report, communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Teller avenue and Park avenue, West, be legally opened, I have to state that East One Hundred and Sixty-second street is laid out on section 9 of the Final Map and Profiles of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, filed in the Register's Office November 2, 1895, and therefore there is no legal obstacle against opening said East One Hundred and Sixty-second street.

There are no buildings on the land.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolutions were thereupon adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of East

One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Teller avenue and Park avenue, West, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Teller avenue and Park avenue, West.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Teller avenue and Park avenue, West, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, between Teller avenue and Park avenue, West, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of The Bronx, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, {
August 10, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, recommending that West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Broadway to Riverdale avenue, be legally opened, I have to state that West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street is laid out on section 25 of the Final Maps and Profiles, under authority of chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890, which was filed in the Register's office November 23, 1895, and therefore there is no legal obstacle against the opening of said West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street.

There are buildings on the land.

The papers in this matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolutions were adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Broadway to Riverdale avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Broadway to Riverdale avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Broadway to Riverdale avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending West Two Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, from Broadway to Riverdale avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

"Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In the matter of the laying out of an approach to the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, south of the Southern Boulevard, in the Borough of The Bronx, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing on August 16 as provided by law, and the matter was laid over.

In the matter of the proposed change of lines and grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Tremont avenue to Jerome avenue, and the change of grades of Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Tremont avenue, the report of the

Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing as provided by the Charter.

Nobody appearing in opposition to the proposed changes of lines and grades, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 19th day of July, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the lines and grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Tremont avenue to Jerome avenue, and changing the grades of Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed change of lines and grades would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of lines and grades would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears, from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record, that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of lines and grades who have appeared, and such proposed change of lines and grades was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the lines and grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Tremont avenue to Jerome avenue, and changing the grades of Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to change the lines and grades of the aforesaid streets, as follows :

Description for Change of Grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street and Davidson Avenue.

By changing the grade of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, between Jerome avenue and Tremont avenue, and changing the grades of Davidson avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

(a) East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street—

Beginning at the intersection of the west house line of Jerome avenue and the centre line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, the elevation to be 42.52 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to the northeast corner of Davidson avenue, the elevation to be 58.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to the northwest corner of Davidson avenue, the elevation to be 59.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to point of tangency of a curve whose radius is 23.67 feet, the elevation to be 68 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northerly along said curve to the point of tangency of reverse curve, the elevation to be 76 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly along the common radius of reverse curves for 30 feet, the elevation to be 77 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northerly on the west side of reverse curve to the point of tangency of compound curve, the elevation to be 87.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence easterly on the common radius of said compound curve for 30 feet, the elevation to be 86.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northwesterly on the east side of said compound curve to its intersection with Tremont avenue, the elevation to be 88 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence southerly along the eastern house line of Tremont avenue for $30\pm$ feet, the elevation to be 89.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly to the southeast curb intersection of Tremont avenue, the elevation to be $90.2\pm$ feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore ;

Thence northerly to the northeast curb intersection of Tremont avenue, the elevation to be $88.9\pm$ feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

(b) Davidson avenue—

Beginning at a point distant 200 feet northerly from the northeast curb intersection of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, the elevation to be 52.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence northerly to the intersection of Tremont avenue, the elevation to be $56\pm$ feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

Technical Description of the Land Required for East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street, at Tremont Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, distant 90.92 feet westerly of the intersection of said line with the western line of Davidson avenue, as they are laid down on section 15 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, filed in Register's office, New York City ;

1st. Thence northerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 23.67 feet radius and tangent to the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street for 45.53 feet to a point of reverse curve ;

2d. Thence northerly on the arc of a circle of 440 feet radius for 94.51 feet to a point of compound curve ;

3d. Thence northwesterly on the arc of a circle of 65.81 feet radius for 103.10 feet to the eastern line of Tremont avenue ;

4th. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Tremont avenue, following its windings for 103.28 feet to a point of reverse curve ;

5th. Thence southerly on the arc of a circle of 50 feet radius for 47.13 feet ;

6th. Thence southeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 55.47 feet.

7th. Thence southeasterly curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius and tangent to the preceding course for 21.60 feet to the point of beginning.

Also Technical Description of that Portion of East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Street at Tremont Avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, to be Discontinued and Closed.

Beginning at a point in the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street distant 305 feet westerly of the intersection of said line with the western line of Jerome avenue as they are laid down on Section 15 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, filed in Register's office, New York City ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, as laid down on said Section 15, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 85 feet radius for 73.43 feet ;

2d. Thence northwesterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 39.11 feet ;

3d. Thence westerly, curving to the left on the arc of a circle of 15 feet radius and tangent to the preceding course for 29.62 feet to the eastern line of Tremont avenue ;

4th. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Tremont avenue as it winds, for 70.45 feet to the point of reverse curve ;

5th. Thence southeasterly on the arc of a circle of 83.67 feet radius for 160.94 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the lines and grades of the above-named streets, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution

of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the lines and grades of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Tremont avenue to Jerome avenue, and changing the grades of Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Tremont avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the lines and grades of the aforesaid streets as follows :

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Thence westerly to a point of tangency of a curve whose radius is 23.67 feet, the elevation to be 68 feet above mean high-water datum ;

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Thence southerly along the eastern house-line of Tremont avenue for 30+ feet, the elevation to be 89.5 feet above mean high-water datum ;

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Technical Description of the Land Required for East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street, at Tremont Avenue, in Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

Beginning at a point in the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street distant 90.92 feet westerly of the intersection of said line with the western line of Davidson avenue, as they are laid down on Section 15 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, filed in Register's Office, New York City ;

1st. Thence northerly, curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 23.67 feet radius and tangent to the northern line of East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street for 45.53 feet to a point of reverse curve ;

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4th. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Tremont avenue as it winds for 70.45 feet to the point of reverse curve ;

5th. Thence southeasterly on the arc of a circle of 83.67 feet radius for 160.94 feet to the point of beginning.

In the matter of the proposed change of grades of Burnside avenue, between Valentine and Ryer avenues, Borough of The Bronx, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing as provided by law.

Nobody appearing in opposition to the proposed change of grades, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, at a meeting of this Board, held on the 19th day of July, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Burnside avenue, between Valentine avenue and Ryer avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P.M., at which such proposed change of grades would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed change of grades would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899 ; and,

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed change of grades who have appeared, and such proposed change of grades was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Burnside avenue, between Valentine avenue and Ryer avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grades of the aforesaid avenue as follows :

Beginning at a point 31.13 feet easterly on the northern house-line of Burnside avenue, from the northwest point of tangency at Valentine avenue and Burnside avenue, the elevation to be 48.0 feet above mean high-water datum ;

Thence westerly along the centre line of Burnside avenue for 203 feet, the elevation to be 58.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Burnside avenue, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Burnside avenue, between Valentine avenue and Ryer avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grades of the aforesaid avenue, as follows :

Beginning at a point 31.13 feet easterly on the northern house-line of Burnside avenue, from the northwest point of tangency at Valentine avenue and Burnside avenue, the elevation to be 48.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

Thence westerly along the centre line of Burnside avenue for 203 feet, the elevation to be 58.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

In the matter of the proposed laying out and extending Van Corlear place, from Kingsbridge avenue to Broadway, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, the report of the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing on August 16, as provided by law.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read, and the matter laid over for one week :

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, August 11, 1899.

Hon. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—Replying to your favor of the 10th instant I would state that both resolutions of April 12, 1898, and that of June 7, 1898, passed by the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, while approving of a movement looking to a more direct approach from Marble Hill to the bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek, did not recommend any particular plan.

According to the views expressed at the meeting at which this subject was considered, the matter was referred to the Engineer of your Department, and it was expected that some plan, which in his estimation would be the most feasible, would be submitted for the consideration of the Local Board of the Nineteenth District.

The petitioners and the members of the Board desire that the plan proposed shall be submitted to them before action is taken by the Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

I. E. RIDER, Secretary.

The matter of the widening of Cauldwell avenue, Borough of The Bronx, was laid over.

In the matter of the petition of property-owners in the vicinity of Mott avenue to be relieved from a portion of the assessment for widening the said avenue, which was set for a hearing on August 16, Mr. Arrowsmith, one of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the street opening proceedings, and Messrs. McCarthy & Baldwin, representing the Estate of Eleanor Hunt, appeared, and the following petition and argument were read and filed :

In the matter
of
Opening Mott avenue, from Railroad avenue, East, to One
Hundred and Sixty-third street.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

The petition of Mrs. Marion W. Lawson respectfully shows to your Honorable Board that she resides at Mott avenue and One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, in the Borough of The Bronx, New York City.

That she owns a lot of land, with a dwelling-house thereon, known as Benefit Map No. 566 on the Commissioners' map in said proceeding.

That the proposed assessment on said lot in said proceeding is \$1,659.

That the petitioner is informed and verily believes that the said sum of \$1,659 is about one hundred per cent. (100%) greater than the value of the benefit derived by said land from the widening of said avenue, and that in justice to the said petitioner and others whose property is assessed for benefit in said proceeding at least one-half of the cost and expense of said widening should be borne by the City at large.

Wherefore she prays that your Honorable Board will so order.

MARION W. LAWSON.

WM. H. PIERCE,
Attorney for Petitioner,
No. 99 Nassau Street, New York City.

In the matter
of
Opening Mott avenue, from Railroad avenue, East, to One
Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Borough of The
Bronx.

Mrs. MARION W. LAWSON, Petitioner.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Improvements :

Argument of Mr. Pierce—I claim that the Board of Street Opening and Improvements, in resolving that the property benefited should pay the whole cost and expense of the proceeding,

does not bind the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment herein, and that neither said Board nor this honorable Board has power to determine that the property benefited must pay the whole cost and expense of this proceeding as against a finding of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment herein, that the extent of benefit to property is less than the total cost and expense of the proceeding. I also claim that this Honorable Board may take the initiative and relieve the property-owners, whose property is proposed to be assessed herein already, from such portion of the aggregate cost and expense of the proceeding as to said Board shall seem just, by casting it on the City at large, leaving the balance to be apportioned on the property benefited by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, if they shall find sufficient benefit to property to cover such balance.

The resolution referred to, we claim, has no binding force, for the reason that it was passed without notice to any one, and without hearing the parties interested; and without the knowledge on the part of said Board whether any property is benefited or not; consequently, there is no due process of law, and no one is bound by the resolution. The title to the property taken for the opening having vested in the City, the City is bound by the Constitution to pay for it, primarily, and to pay ultimately that portion, if any, that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment do not find it just and equitable to assess on property benefited. I think the law—chapter 660, Laws of 1893, section 5, page 1484, volume 2, last part of the section—authorizing the Board of Street Opening and Improvements to determine what proportion, if any, the property benefited should pay an utterly useless and, I think, vicious law. A law providing that the City should bear any deficiency found by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in cases where the land had vested in the City would have been in harmony with that provision of the first part of the same section, where it is made the duty of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to determine the assessment district, and to apportion the assessment for benefit.

The resolution, very likely, involves the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in a very embarrassing situation.

They probably consider themselves bound by it. At the same time, they may be convinced that there is merit in the objections to the assessments. It is within the province of this Board to reconsider said resolution, and to modify it, so that the City may bear a portion of the cost and expense of said opening. It, no doubt, may so charge the City.

The opening of Mott avenue more than 60 feet wide seems to be unnecessary. There appears to be no demand for a wider street there than in cases of hundreds of streets that are only 50 or 60 feet wide.

The opening of this street 80 feet wide is an arbitrary plan of the City adopted and put into operation without any demand for it by the property-owners interested.

Therefore, the City at large should pay the cost and expense beyond the undoubted, actual, present, special benefit to property.

There may be instances, it is true, where a street or avenue 80 or 100 feet wide is necessary, but Mott avenue is not one of them so far as the property assessed is concerned. If it is necessary to be so wide as a connecting link to the Concourse, that is a good reason why the City at large should bear a portion of the cost and expense.

There is no congestion of travel on Mott avenue.

Go along Mott avenue at any time in the day and you will see scarcely a team or carriage on it. 60 feet is wide enough for all the ordinary uses of a street. The abutting property must bear the extra expense of regulating, grading and paving the 20 feet. That will be a heavy expense, coming on in rapid succession, without any immediate increase in income from the property and, as likely as not, never from or on account of the extra width. Property ought to be assessed only for the special benefit received by it from the improvement. The benefit must be a real, tangible

benefit, a benefit that can be realized within a reasonable time, a benefit that raises the value of the property so that it will bring more in the market.

In the case of *Guest vs. the City of Brooklyn et al.*, 69 N. Y., 510, it is said in the opinion: "But to force an expensive improvement upon a few property-owners against their consent, and to compel them to pay the entire cost, under the delusive pretense of a corresponding, specific benefit, conferred upon their property, is a species of despotism that ought not to be perpetrated under a government that claims to protect property equally with life and liberty."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PEIRCE, Attorney for Petitioner,
No. 99 Nassau Street, New York City.

NEW YORK, August 10, 1899.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution relating to the opening and widening of Mott avenue, from Railroad avenue, East, to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, adopted by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement on the 14th day of September, 1894, as provides "that the entire cost and expense of such proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby," is hereby amended so as to read that one-half of the entire cost and expense of such proceeding shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby and one-half shall be borne and paid by The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board—8.

Negative—The Comptroller—1.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—I return herewith proposed contract between the Ramapo Water Company and The City of New York, with my approval of the same as to form.

The contract sent me was so unfavorable to the City in most of its provisions that I felt obliged to redraw it. In its present form I do not think there can be any objection to it.

Very truly yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

Agreement made this day of , 1899, by and between the Ramapo Water Company, a corporation of the State of New York (hereinafter called the Water Company), party of the first part, and The City of New York, a municipal corporation, by William Dalton, the Commissioner of Water Supply of said corporation (hereinafter called The City of New York), as authorized by chapter 378, sections 415, 457 and 471 of the Laws of 1897, party of the second part.

Whereas, The said water company was duly incorporated on or about the 12th day of September, 1887, under and in pursuance of the act of the Legislature of the State of New York,

passed on the 17th day of February, 1848, entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing mining, mechanical or chemical purposes," and of the several acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof ; and

Whereas, The said water company is authorized and empowered by law, and more particularly by the provisions of chapter 985, Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to limit and define the powers of the Ramapo Water Company," passed on the 11th day of June, 1895, to acquire such lands and waters along the sheds of the Ramapo, and along such other watersheds and their tributaries, as may be suitable for the purpose of accumulating, storing, deducting, selling, furnishing and supplying water for domestic and municipal purposes to any city, town and village, and may contract with any corporation in this State, public or private, to furnish water for the purposes mentioned ; and

Whereas, The said water company has proposed to supply The City of New York with water from streams and lakes and their tributary watersheds in the State of New York, west of the Hudson river, to be delivered at a pressure at the place of delivery due to an elevation of three hundred feet above the mean tide level ; and

Whereas, The City of New York is authorized, under the provision of chapter 985, section 3, Laws of 1895, to enter into a contract with said water company to furnish water for domestic and municipal purposes to said city for any length of time that may be deemed advisable ; and

Whereas, The said Commissioner of Water Supply has duly examined into the sources of the water supply so proposed to be furnished by said water company, and has selected the Esopus and its tributary and connecting watersheds, and has determined that the supply from those sources will be adequate, and that water supplied from these sources will be pure and wholesome, and, being drawn from mountainous and rocky areas very sparsely populated, is and will remain and continue to be, free from contamination and pollution, and has determined that said water company is duly authorized by law to do whatever is necessary to enable it to furnish and deliver to The City of New York and to its inhabitants the quantity of water which the said water company hereafter agrees to furnish and deliver, at a pressure at the place of delivery due to an elevation of three hundred feet mean tide level ; and

Whereas, Preliminary to the execution of this contract the provisions of this contract in all its details in form and substance as herein provided were submitted to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, and the assent of said Board, after such submission to it, was given by resolution to the execution of such proposed contract as so submitted ;

Now, therefore, this agreement witnesseth, that in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and of one dollar (\$1) in hand paid by each party hereto to the other party hereto, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the construction by the said water company of the dams, reservoirs, conduits and pipelines necessary to carry out the covenants and conditions of the said water company herein contained, the parties hereto have covenanted, promised and agreed, and hereby covenant, promise and agree, the party of the first part for itself, its successors and assigns, and the party of the second part for itself and assigns, as follows :

1. The said water company, the party of the first part, will furnish, supply and deliver, by a gravity system of transmission, at its own cost and expense, water to be taken from the Esopus and its tributary and connecting watersheds west of the Hudson river and in the State of New York, to the party of the second part, The City of New York, at the time and place, and in the manner, and under the conditions hereinafter specified, and will accept as full compensation therefor the sum of seventy dollars (\$70) for each and every million gallons of such water so delivered.

2. The said water company hereby covenants and agrees that the water so furnished, supplied and delivered shall not be drawn from any stream or lake, the surface of which is at an elevation of less than four hundred and twenty feet above mean tide level, and that such water shall be

of greater purity than the water supplied to the City of New York from the Croton and Long Island watersheds, as shown by the average of the analyses of the water from these sheds taken from the distributing reservoirs within the cities, which have been made under the direction of the Health Officers of The City of New York and of the City of Brooklyn, during the past year, as shown by the public record as compared with the average of the analyses for a like period of the water to be furnished by the party of the second part, taken at the point of delivery to the City to be made by the Health Officers of The City of New York or by the Commissioner of Water Supply of said City.

3. The said water company further covenants and agrees to furnish, supply and deliver to The City of New York two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons of such water, at a pressure due to an elevation of 300 feet above mean tide level, on and during each and every day for the period of forty years, from and after the first day of _____, in the year 1902. Subject, however, to the right of The City of New York (through its Commissioner of Water Supply or his successor in office or position) to reduce the quantity of supply to such number of gallons as to his judgment may be required, upon notice thereof to the party of the first part, except as hereinafter otherwise excepted, conditioned and provided; and to deliver such water to the party of the first part at the northern boundary line of The City of New York at the point of intersection thereof with the new Croton Aqueduct.

4. The said water company hereby covenants and agrees that it will construct, maintain and operate all such reservoirs, conduits and pipe lines, as may be necessary to accumulate, store, furnish, supply and so deliver such water without cost or liability to The City of New York other than the payment of seventy dollars (\$70) for each and every million gallons of such water so furnished, supplied and delivered, as herein provided.

5. The City of New York, in consideration of the covenants, promises and agreements of the said water company herein contained, covenants and agrees to accept and receive such water as it may require, not exceeding two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons of such water so delivered by the said water company, on and during each and every day from and after the first day of _____ in the year 1902, and the City of New York hereby covenants and agrees to pay, in regular quarterly payments, to the said water company, its successors and assigns, the sum of seventy dollars (\$70) for each and every million gallons of such water so delivered not exceeding 200,000,000 daily.

6. The City of New York agrees to authorize, and does hereby authorize, the said water company to act as the agent and representative of the City of New York, so far as it may lawfully do so, in doing whatever may be necessary for the fulfillment of this contract; provided and conditioned that The City of New York shall not incur, or be or become liable for, any cost or expenditure on account thereof or in connection therewith.

7. It is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that the agreement of the said water company to furnish, supply and deliver to The City of New York, and of The City of New York to accept, receive and pay for, not exceeding two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons of water on each and every day from and after the first day of _____ 1902, as hereinbefore expressed, are made subject to and conditioned upon the further understanding and agreement, hereby made by and between the parties hereto, that, in consideration of the promise of the said water company, hereby given, to expedite and hasten the completion of its works so as to enable it to deliver such water, or a part thereof, prior to that date, The City of New York hereby agrees to accept, receive and pay for, as hereinbefore provided, that quantity of water, or any part thereof, so required, whenever such water shall be furnished and delivered by the party of the first part prior to said date upon the condition that the said water company shall notify the said Commissioner of water supply, that it will deliver that quantity of water, or a part thereof, during the next ensuing year, giving in such notification the quantity to be delivered and the date or dates upon which the delivery of the quantity or quantities, if the quantity to be delivered daily is to be

increased during the year, will commence ; such notification to be so given not less than thirty days prior to the beginning of the year during which the delivery of such quantity of water, or a part thereof, shall be so commenced.

8. It is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that the time herein fixed for the delivery of such water as herein provided may be deferred, at the option of the said water company, for a period equal to the time during which the said water company shall be delayed or interfered with in the construction of the works necessary for the delivery of such water, by any injunction or legal proceeding, or by strikes of workmen, or by any other cause of delay not within the power of the said water company to remedy or overcome.

9. It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the failure to deliver such water, or any part thereof, at any time after the commencement of such delivery, caused by an accident or injury to the works of the said water company, shall not invalidate this contract, provided such injury, or cause of failure, shall be repaired or removed by the said water company as soon as may be practicable, and that if the said water company cannot, by reason of such accident or injury, deliver the full quantity of two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons daily, The City of New York shall pay only for the quantity of water that can be delivered.

10. It is hereby further agreed by and between the parties hereto, that this contract may be modified, altered or amended hereafter, in such manner as the parties may deem to be necessary or desirable.

11. The said Water Company covenants and agrees that no laborer, workman or mechanic who it may have in its employ, or in the employ of its sub-contractor or other person doing or contracting to do the whole or part of the work contemplated by this contract, shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day except in cases of extraordinary emergency caused by fire, flood or danger to life or property ; and it is further covenanted and agreed that each such laborer, workman or mechanic employed by said Water Company, its sub-contractors or other person in, about or upon such public work, shall receive such wages as are provided for by chapter 415 of the Laws of 1897 as amended by chapter 567 of the Laws of 1899 ; and it is further covenanted and agreed that upon the failure to comply with the provisions of section 3, of chapter 567, of the Laws of 1899, this contract shall be void and of no effect.

The said Water Company shall furnish a bond to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the faithful performance of the above agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized officers have respectfully signed the corporate seals of the parties hereto and fixed the corporate seals of the parties hereto, the day and the year first above written ; and have duly executed this agreement in triplicate, one part of which is to remain with the Commissioner of Water Supply, one part to be filed with the Comptroller of The City of New York, and the third to be delivered to the party of the second part.

Signed and sealed in the presence of :

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Approved as to form.

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

City of New York and County of New York, ss.:

On the day of , 1899, before me personally came William Dalton, to me known and known to me to be the Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York, and the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same as such Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York for the purpose herein mentioned.

City of New York and County of New York, ss.:

On this day of , 1899, before me personally came to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose herein mentioned.

In connection with the foregoing, the following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, }
NEW YORK, August 9, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—The present conditions of the water supply of Greater New York, and those which confront us in the near future impose on this administration the imperative duty of taking prompt and decisive action to remedy existing deficiencies, and to secure to the people an adequate supply of pure and wholesome water, such as a great City requires for the preservation and promotion of the public health, for the fullest possible protection of property and lives from the ravages and dangers of fire, for the support and encouragement of industries, and for domestic necessities and comfort. The duty thus imposed upon me as Commissioner of Water Supply, and upon your Board as the municipal body which has the power to authorize me to take the necessary remedial measures, cannot safely be put off.

Although the conditions to which I refer have in part or in whole been set forth in my official reports and communications to his Honor, the Mayor, and published in the CITY RECORD and in printed documents, I deem it proper to present herewith a concise statement of the situation.

The full normal capacity of the public water supply of the Borough of Brooklyn is 93,000,000 gallons per day for a population now estimated conservatively at 1,200,000. It has so remained for more than five years without additions or improvements, while the population and the demands on the water service have been constantly growing. About three-fifths of the supply is obtained from flowing streams and from ponds ; the other two-fifths, or about 40,000,000 gallons per day, has to be pumped out of the soil from driven wells. The objections to a water supply for a great city population from deep wells are too well known to need reiteration here. The entire supply, even that from the flowing streams and ponds, has to be pumped a height of 170 feet into the Ridgewood reservoir for distribution through the water-mains, and some of it an additional height of 50 feet into the Mount Prospect reservoir, and 80 feet more into the Mt. Prospect Tower in order to gain sufficient pressure to deliver the water in houses on high ground.

If the people of the Borough of Brooklyn are to be supplied with water at the same rate per capita as the people of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, they would now need a daily supply of 150,000,000 gallons. This would require an immediate addition of 57,000,000 gallons per day from new sources, and if the undesirable and unreliable supply from driven wells is to be eliminated, we would have to obtain 97,000,000 gallons per day to bring the Brooklyn water supply up to the standard of the supply in Manhattan and The Bronx.

In the Borough of Queens, where the City owns three pumping-stations in Long Island City, one at College Point, one at Flushing and one at Whitestone, with systems of distributing mains, the conditions are even worse. The entire supply is obtained from deep wells, some of which are in such close proximity to the shore of the East river or Long Island Sound that the pumping of water from them has to be carefully limited to prevent the drawing of an admixture of salt water which would render the entire supply unpotable and unfit for use. Some of the other wells are in surroundings where there is a constant increase in population and buildings which will in a short time compel the abandonment of the wells in consequence of pollution from house drainage

The wells and plants are now worked to their maximum capacity, producing a supply of 3,350,000 gallons per day. This supply is manifestly and absolutely inadequate even for the present population and number of water consumers, much less for extensions of the public water service into new streets and territory for which requests are constantly received from property-owners. It would be profitable to the City and highly advantageous to the population in the water districts of Long Island City, College Point, Flushing and Whitestone, if we were in a position to at once increase the daily water supply to five or six million gallons, and have the facilities to continue increasing it, so that we could encourage instead of retarding private enterprise and investments in household property by responding to all reasonable demands for extension of the water service, and giving assurance that the water supply shall be sufficient for domestic and industrial uses, for fire protection, and for the protection of the public health.

In accordance with these views I estimate the present necessities for public water supply in the Borough of Queens at 6 million gallons per day. When the projects for connecting the borough with Manhattan Island by bridges are carried out, the population within the present public water districts Long Island, College Point, Flushing and Whitestone, will increase at a much larger ratio than in any other section of Greater New York, and the demands for water supply will increase in proportion. Therefore, in the estimate which I give below, I assume the needs of water supply for these water districts at six million gallons per day at the present time, and the rate of annual increase required at 20 per cent.

It is a mistaken idea or theory, which many people may entertain, that the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx are not in need of prompt action and measures to increase the water supply, and more especially the pressure and elevation at which water can be delivered in the houses and for extinguishing fires. While the entire supply from the Croton, Bronx and Byram watersheds comes into the City reservoirs by gravity or natural flow, the elevation at which it can be delivered in houses from the distributing mains is limited to 119 feet above mean-tide, and in many localities the elevation of delivery is less. As early as 1870 it became necessary to resort to steam pumping machinery to deliver the water in houses on higher grounds, beginning with a small pumping station at Highbridge, with a daily capacity of 2,500,000 gallons. The growth in population and buildings in the high service districts has been such that up to date the capacity of the high service supply had to be increased to 55,000,000 gallons per day by the establishment of two additional pumping stations, and the purchase and erection of additional pumping machinery. The demand for high service supply continues to grow at a constantly increasing rate, so that this Department is compelled to make, and does make, plans and preparations from time to time to increase the capacity of the pumping machinery.

In the Borough of The Bronx there is as yet no high service, and the consequence is that the Department is unable to properly supply houses on University Heights, Morris Heights, Woodlawn Heights and other elevated sections of the borough, giving rise to many and justifiable complaints that the house-owners and residents in these locations are unfairly treated and neglected as to their rights for a fair water supply.

In less than five years from now the water supply for Manhattan and The Bronx will be deficient in quantity, as well as in pressure or in elevation of delivery. The average daily consumption for the past six months is 265,000,000 gallons, and the maximum during the hot days of June and July was 286,000,000 gallons, which is an increase of 30,000,000 gallons over the maximum consumption last year, or nearly twelve per cent. The combined capacity of the old and new Croton Aqueducts and the Bronx river conduit, which are now the only means of conveying water to these boroughs, is 400,000,000 gallons per day. Therefore, at the present rate of increase in consumption, the limit of capacity of the present water system will be reached in four years or less, and on an increase of ten per cent. per annum, it will be reached in less than five years.

The following figures show in the most concise form the present rate of supply and consump-

tion of water in the four boroughs, and the increase which will be needed in four years and in ten years from this date, calculated at ten per cent per annum (except for the Borough of Queens), which is a very conservative estimate, amply supported by past experience :

Borough of Brooklyn.

	Gallons.
Present supply and consumption.....	93,000,000
Increase required in four years (1903).....	43,161,000
Increase required in ten years (1909).....	168,218,000

Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

	Gallons.
Present supply and consumption.....	265,000,000
Increase required in four years (1904).....	122,986,000
Increase required in ten years (1909).....	422,341,000

Borough of Queens.

	Gallons.
Present supply, 3,350,000 gallons ; supply actually needed.....	6,000,000
Increase required in four years (at 20 per cent. per annum).....	11,450,000
Increase required in ten years.....	53,000,000
Total increase required in four years.....	177,597,000
Total increase required in ten years.....	640,559,000

Treating on needs for more and better water supply for the four boroughs as a whole, or each one separately, I can say that this is not the first presentation of the urgent necessity of prompt action to secure such increase.

As I have already stated in this communication, the official reports of the Department of City Works of Brooklyn for several years prior to 1898 are replete with evidence that the water system of that borough needs expansion and improvement.

In respect to the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx your Board received in June of last year a communication or petition from the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, making a most forcible appeal for a larger water supply which can be brought to the city at such elevation or under such pressure that it can be delivered through the distributing mains and in houses to the top story of every building except the very high office and business buildings, without the necessity and expense of pumping either by the City at the high-service stations or by the owners or tenants of buildings. The demands made in that communication or petition are summarized as follows :

“ Protection against fire throughout the city.

“ A more efficient supply to the modern high buildings which represent large and rapidly increasing values.

“ A general supply to all buildings of ordinary height without private pumping ; and

“ Pure mountain water, in sufficient quantity to prevent scarcity in case of accident to the present system of reservoirs and aqueducts.”

Petitions of the same purport and the same urgency were presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in September, 1895, from fire underwriters, real estate owners and agents, bankers, hotel keepers and others, with resolutions of the Board of Trade and Transportation and the Chamber of Commerce.

It must be borne in mind that these petitions which relate more particularly to the water supply of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, though they have the intention and object

of securing better water service for the entire Greater New York, have been presented since the acquisition of a large additional supply through the new Croton Aqueduct, which came into use in July, 1890.

Prior to that, in 1883, when the plans for the new Croton Aqueduct had been made, and its construction assured, a Merchants' Committee, of which such prominent citizens as Cornelius N. Bliss, William L. Strong, John Claflin, Charles S. Smith and William E. Tefft were members, appointed at a mass meeting of business men, petitioned the Legislature for the enactment of a law that would enable the City to obtain by contract a supply of pure and wholesome water from the mountain streams and lakes west of the Hudson river to supplement the Croton system. These eminent and representative citizens of New York evidently foresaw the inadequacy of the Croton, Bronx and Byram river systems to supply the future needs of the old City of New York, now boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, and that these systems would always lack the element of giving sufficient elevation of delivery of the water to furnish at all times sufficient pressure for the extinguishment of fire and to do away with private pumping in houses.

These petitioners pointed to the mountainous region west of the Hudson river as the best, most available, most reliable and most economical source of water supply for the future needs of the city for years to come, and to the superior quality of the water which can be obtained from that region, as compared with the water from all the present sources of supply, and from other sources which are practically available.

I find these views confirmed by the judgment of eminent engineers. For the purpose of making some personal observations and obtaining practical knowledge of the conditions and capacities of the available watersheds in the hills and mountains west of the Hudson river, I made a tour of examination, in which I was accompanied by you, as President and representatives of the Board of Public Improvements, and four engineers of high standing, including the Chief Engineer of this Department and the Chief Engineer of your Board.

The territory which we visited and examined covers part of the district known as the Highlands of the Hudson, and part of that which is generally described as the Catskill Mountains. The Highlands district may, for convenience be called the Fort Montgomery Watershed. The section of the Catskill Mountains which we visited and examined embraces the valley of Esopus creek, the upper water of Schoharie creek and the head waters of the east branch of the Delaware river. It presents the very great advantage of a large number of natural sites for storage reservoirs which can be made available with comparatively small cost for the construction of dams, sluices, etc.

The following is a brief description of the reservoir sites which we examined, commencing at the southern end of the watersheds.

The Fort Montgomery reservoir site is about forty miles from the city, and two miles west of the Hudson river. It has an elevation of 400 feet above tide level, will flood about 150 acres in area, and has a watershed of about 45 square miles.

The Popolo Reservoir site has an elevation of 500 feet above tide, and an area of about 250 acres.

The Mine Pond, five miles from the Hudson, has a natural flood area of ten acres 600 feet above tide.

Lake Popolopen, five and one-half miles from the Hudson, is more than two miles long and one thousand feet wide, with an elevation of 650 feet above tide.

Lake Hill Reservoir site can be flooded to an area of 300 acres at 1,050 feet elevation above tide.

Coal Brook Reservoir in the Esopus valley can be made to contain 15 billions gallons of water at an elevation of 675 feet.

The Olive Reservoir site can be made to impound 7 billions gallons.

The aggregate area of the watersheds referred to is over 1,400 square miles. Official records, kept for the last 26 years, show that the rainfall in this region average fifteen per cent. greater than the rainfall in the Croton watershed. The population averages not more than ten to the square mile. The geological and topographical features assure a larger yield, or percentage of yield, than could be obtained for a potable water supply in a less mountainous, more populated and more agricultural territory, such as the Croton watershed.

All these conditions confirm the estimate that these watersheds are capable of furnishing ultimately a daily water supply of 900,000,000 gallons of the purest quality which can be obtained anywhere in the State of New York.

Other sources for an additional supply have been suggested from time to time, none of which present the same combination of amplitude, reliability, excellence of quality of the water, economy of cost, susceptibility of gradual development by gradual increase of the supply to be obtained in conformity with the growing needs of the city.

From the Ten Mile river in the Housatonic watershed a daily supply of 110,000,000 gallons might be obtained. If this supply was led into the Croton Aqueducts it would fail to give the much needed increase of pressure and elevation in the delivery of the water. To obtain a higher elevation of delivery from this source a new aqueduct or conduit would have to be built from that watershed to the city at a cost of \$40,000,000 or more. The water would be inferior in quality, because the watershed contains a great number of factories and dwellings, has a large population which is constantly increasing, and gradual pollution of the water would certainly ensue.

Lake George, Lake Ontario and Lake Champlain have been suggested as practically inexhaustible sources of supply. A supply from Lake George would flow by gravity to tide level at New York, where it would have to be pumped to the required elevation. The construction of the necessary work to obtain a large supply would cost not less than \$200,000,000. A supply from Lake Champlain would flow by gravity to Troy, where it would have to be pumped 250 feet high in order to reach tide level at New York, and then again pumped to required elevation.

A supply from Lake Ontario would flow by gravity to Albany, where it would have to be pumped 230 feet high in order to flow by gravity to tide level at New York, where it must again be pumped to the required elevation.

To convey a water supply from any one of these three lakes would require the building of tunnels, respectively 10, 56, and 50 miles in length, to pass the intervening ridges of hills, or immense pumping machinery to raise and pass the water over the ridges.

A gravity supply could be obtained from the Adirondacks under pressure equal to that to be obtained from the watersheds west of the Hudson, but the necessary works of construction would probably cost not less than \$500,000,000, and could not be completed in less than twelve years.

The facts again demonstrate the superiority of the watersheds west of the Hudson as a source of water supply for The City of New York.

I now come to the question of cost, and of the time within which a large addition to the water supply can most speedily be obtained. Both of these questions are of paramount importance in the consideration of the subject.

I will first deal with the question of time, taking it for granted that the watersheds of the Hudson Highlands and the Catskill mountains, as above described, will be chosen as the source of supply.

If the City were to undertake acquisition of the necessary lands and water rights, and the construction of the dams, reservoirs, tunnels and conduits to convey the water to the distributing mains in the city, it would have to go through the process—

First. Obtain authority for the necessary bond issues through the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Municipal Assembly.

Second. Employ a large corps of engineers, surveyors and draughtsmen to make detailed surveys and maps of every parcel of land, every mill right and right of way.

Third. File copies of these maps in the office of the County Clerk of each county included in the watershed and along the conduit which is to convey the water to the city and in the several offices in the city where the law requires such maps to be filed.

Fourth. Apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisal to determine the damages to be paid for the taking of lands, etc., or obtain the lands, water rights and rights of way by negotiations and purchase with and from each individual owner, and then only with the consent and approval of the Comptroller.

Fifth. Employ engineers to make elaborate detail plans and estimates of construction, so as to be prepared to advertise for proposals from contractors to do the work.

Sixth. Advertise the contracts for public letting, make awards to the lowest bidders at public letting, provided they furnish satisfactory sureties to the required amounts.

Seventh. Take the risk that the contractor or contractors to whom the work is awarded are dilatory and slow in the performance of the work, or otherwise violate the conditions of their contract, or totally abandon their works or contracts, or compel the City to declare the contracts abandoned, and to resort to readvertisement and reletting to new contractors with the same risk.

The records of the public works of the City are full of illustrations of the delays which seem to be inseparable from the prosecution of large public improvements of the magnitude of the one which is the subject of this communication. I have shown in the foregoing part of this communication that the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens are in need of additions to their water supply even at this day, and that the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx will need additional water supply before the expiration of five years. I have the conviction, based on past experience in City affairs, that under the most favorable circumstances the City could not accomplish the completion of the necessary works of construction, and all the other incidental measures, in a shorter period than seven years. An example of this may be found in the time which elapsed between the creation of the Board of Aqueduct Commissioners, in June, 1883, and the completion of the new aqueduct, so that it could be brought into use in July, 1890.

As to the Question of Cost.—If the City undertakes the work itself it must build so that the addition to the water supply shall be assured for a series of years after the completion of the works, which means that it must build reservoirs and conduits of sufficient capacity to guarantee an additional supply of not less than 600,000,000 gallons per day, and must be ready to make bond issues to an amount of not less than \$70,000,000, and possibly \$100,000,000. This great municipality is confronted with a financial condition which makes such bond issues for water supply purposes alone impossible, unless it be done with the exclusion of all other necessary public improvements which are payable from bonds, such as parks, school houses, bridges, etc., etc.

These considerations as to cost and time lead me to the presentation of the recommendation which I will now make, and in making it I desire to again emphasize the seriousness of the situation, which makes time precious and prompt action imperative.

It is not necessary that the City commit itself to a bond issue in this case, or that it shall incur any expenditure. Private capital stands ready to construct the works and furnish the water without obligation or cost to the City, except to pay for the water when delivered. A proposal has been presented by a responsible company to furnish the needed water supply at a pressure due to an elevation of three hundred feet, or more if desired, above tide level. By act of the Legislature this company is authorized to contract with The City of New York to furnish such a water supply. The proposal is to deliver to the city, at its northern limit, not less than 200,000,000 gallons of water per day within five years from the date of the acceptance of the proposal, at \$70 per million gallons. The company has taken all necessary legal steps to secure this water supply, and such

additions to it as the City will need, above 200,000,000 gallons per day, as the watersheds of the Hudson Highlands, and part of the Catskill Mountains, already described, can yield. I am satisfied of the competency and reliability of the company to carry out this proposal, and I am also satisfied that under the existing conditions, as herein stated, it will be advantageous to accept the proposal. The lowest rate at which this City sells water to consumers by measurement is the Brooklyn metre rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents per one hundred cubic feet, or \$100 per million gallons. This leaves a quite sufficient margin between the price asked by this water company and the lowest rate charged by the City to consumers, to more than pay for the cost of distributing the water to consumers through the mains and collecting the water rents.

The Company is not seeking a municipal franchise. It does not propose to sell water to the residents of this City. It will deliver the water to the City and the City will distribute it through its mains in the same manner as the public water supply in the several Boroughs is now distributed, and the City will collect the water rents as heretofore.

I submit herewith for approval by your Board a contract with the Ramapo Water Company, on the basis of the Company's proposal, and approved as to form by the Corporation Counsel.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The Commissioner of Bridges moved that the matter be laid over for four weeks, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Borough of Richmond—6.

Negative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board—6.

A motion to lay the matter over for three weeks was lost by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Comptroller, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Borough of Richmond—6.

Negative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Manhattan, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board—5.

At the suggestion of the President of the Board, the matter was laid over for two weeks, pending a report from the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Highways and the Commissioner of Water Supply voting in the negative :

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, {
NEW YORK, August 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication addressed to you by the President of the Borough of Queens, under date of June 10, ultimo, embodying a resolution of the Board of Local Improvements for that borough, which calls for the laying of water-mains in Jay avenue, between Fiske and Columbia avenues, Second Ward, Borough of Queens, I desire to report that there is

no objection to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to extend its mains in Jay avenue, between Fiske and Columbia avenues, and to place three fire hydrants thereon.

The distance for which the proposed mains are to be laid is 1,400 feet, on which there are fourteen houses to be supplied with water.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to extend its mains through Jay avenue, between Fiske and Columbia avenues, in the Second Ward, Borough of Queens, and place three fire hydrants thereon.

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Highways to grant a permit to open the streets for the laying of the above mains, upon presentation of the permit granted by the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, August 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication addressed to your Board by the President of the Borough of Queens, under date of 3d, ultimo, embodying a resolution of the Board of Local Improvement, calling for the laying of water-mains in Kouwenhoven and Pomeroy streets, between Flushing and Grand avenues, and in Vandeventer avenue, between Pomeroy street and Steinway avenue, which was referred to me for investigation and report, I desire to say that from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this department, I find that the water-mains called for are necessary, there being 46 houses to be supplied with water on a distance of 3,200 feet. The estimated cost of the proposed mains is \$5,000, chargeable to the proceeds of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

I herewith inclose, for the approval of your Board and for transmission to the Municipal Assembly, drafts of a resolution and ordinance, authorizing the laying of the water-mains and the issue of bonds.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Kouwenhoven and Pomeroy streets, between Flushing and Grand avenues, and in Vandeventer avenue, between Pomeroy street and Steinway avenue, Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, the cost of said

public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of the City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following forms of ordinance were approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Kouwenhoven and Pomeroy streets, between Flushing and Grand avenues, and in Vandeventer avenue, between Pomeroy street and Steinway avenue, Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the corporate stock of The City of New York.”

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 169 and 178, chapter 378 of Laws of 1897, the Comptroller of The City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to raise, by the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars, to pay for the laying of water mains in Kouwenhoven and Pomeroy streets, between Flushing and Grand avenues, and in Vandeventer avenue, between Pomeroy street and Steinway avenue, Borough of Queens.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, August 14, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have received from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn petitions addressed to him for the laying of water-mains in Fifty-second street, between Eighteenth and Twentieth avenues ; in New York avenue, between Park and St. John's places ; in New York avenue, between Eastern parkway and President street, and in President street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues.

From report which I have from the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that these water-mains are necessary. The total distance is 4,700 feet, on which there are seventeen houses to be supplied with water, and the estimated cost of the mains is \$6,500.

I submit herewith, for adoption by your Board and for transmission to the Municipal Assembly, drafts of resolutions and an ordinance authorizing the laying of these mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Fifty-second street, between Eighteenth and Twentieth avenues ; in New York avenue, between Park place and St. John's place ; in New York avenue, between Eastern parkway and President street, and in President street between New York and Brooklyn avenues, all in the Borough of Brooklyn ; and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

" Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Fifty-second street, between Eighteenth and Twentieth avenues ; in New York avenue, between Park place and St. John's place ; in New York avenue, between Eastern parkway and President street, and in President street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, all in the Borough of Brooklyn ; and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York."

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK, }
August 12, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department I find it necessary, in order to connect dead ends of existing water-mains and to improve the circulation of water, that water-mains be laid in Crotona Park, North, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Crotona Park ; in Arthur avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street

and Crotona Park, North ; in Marcher avenue, between Brewer avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street ; in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Third and Cauldwell avenues ; and in Forest avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-seventh and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth streets. The estimated cost of the proposed mains is \$2,600, chargeable to the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," for 1899.

I herewith inclose drafts of a resolution and ordinance for adoption by your Board, and for transmission to the Municipal Assembly authorizing the laying of these water-mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Crotona Park, North, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Crotona Park ; in Arthur avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Crotona Park, North ; in Marcher avenue, between Brewer avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street ; in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Third and Cauldwell avenues ; and in Forest avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-seventh and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth streets, all in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx," for 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in Crotona Park, North, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Crotona Park ; in Arthur avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street and Crotona Park, North ; in Marcher avenue, between Brewer avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street ; in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Third and Cauldwell avenues ; and in Forest avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-seventh and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth streets, all in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899."

The following preamble and resolution, presented by the President of the Borough of Richmond, was adopted :

Whereas, Peculiar circumstances exist in the Borough of Richmond, which under the resolution of this Board passed on the 24th day of August, 1898, affecting private water companies located in the various boroughs of The City of New York and establishing certain fixed rates for hydrant charges, render the same impracticable so far as it applies to the Borough of Richmond ; and

Whereas, The failure of the water companies to make extensions of their mains is causing great distress among the citizens in the many sections of the borough, and exposing valuable property to risk from fire ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board passed on the 24th day of August, 1898, be and the same hereby is amended so as to exclude from the operation thereof the several water companies doing business in the Borough of Richmond, and the Commissioner of Water Supply be and he hereby is respectfully requested to grant the necessary permission to said water companies to extend water-mains or erect hydrants in all parts of said borough pursuant to the terms and conditions of their respective contracts with the former towns and villages in what is now said borough, and in the form, and subject to the consent of the Board of Public Improvements ; except, however, that in the Third Ward of said borough he is requested to grant such permission only upon condition that the water company furnish six additional hydrants for the purpose of furnishing water for the sprinkling of the streets of said borough, said hydrants to be designated by the Commissioner of Highways, and to be provided with the appliances necessary for filling the carts of the city used for sprinkling purposes ; and the said water to be paid for by the City at a reasonable rate, to be agreed upon between the Commissioner of Highways and the said water company.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Richmond and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY,
NEW YORK, August 14, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that it is necessary to lay water-mains in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Trinity and Tinton avenues, Borough of The Bronx, for a distance of 1,050 feet, on which there are seventeen houses to be supplied with water, at an estimated cost of \$1,500, for the furnishing and laying of water-mains.

I submit, herewith, for adoption by your Board and for transmission to the Municipal Assembly, drafts of a resolution and an ordinance, authorizing the laying of these water-mains.

Very respectfully,

WM. DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Trinity and Tinton avenues, Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for laying croton pipes, boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Trinity and Tinton avenues, Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for laying croton pipes, boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899.”

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, August 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated June 2, from the Secretary of the Board, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, between Brook avenue and St. Ann's avenue, be regulated and regraded, curbstones reset, sidewalks reflagged a space four feet in width through the center thereof, crosswalks erected where necessary, and fences erected where required.

In reply, I beg to report that this street was regulated and graded under the supervision of the Department of Parks on the then legally established grades. A change in the grades of Brook avenue, on account of the Port Morris Branch Railroad, makes necessary the work provided for in the resolution of the Local Board, and I therefore recommend that the improvement be authorized, particularly as extensive building operations are about to be begun on the lines of the street.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$1,700 and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$29,500.

Very respectfully.

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the re-regulating and regrading of East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, between Brook avenue and St. Ann's avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, resetting of curbstones, reflagging of sidewalks a space four feet in width through the centre thereof, relaying of crosswalks where necessary, and erecting of fences where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one thousand seven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of The Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely,

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the re-regulating and regrading of East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, between Brook avenue and St. Ann's avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, re-setting of curbstones, reflagging of sidewalks a space four feet in width through the centre thereof, relaying of crosswalks where necessary and erecting of fences where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of

the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one thousand seven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars.

"And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, August 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On April 14, 1899, the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, adopted a resolution recommending that Chisholm street, from Jennings street to Stebbins avenue, be paved with granite blocks. This resolution has been forwarded to me for investigation and report.

In reply, I beg to say that Chisholm street, between the points named, has been regulated and graded, curbed and flagged and that several houses have been built on the lines thereof. In wet weather, the earth surface of the roadway is muddy, and it is necessary to pave the street as soon as possible. I therefore recommend that the work provided for in the resolution of the Local Board be authorized.

The estimated cost is \$6,000 and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$91,600. Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of Chisholm street, from Jennings street to Stebbins avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, with granite blocks, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-one thousand six hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, In pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the paving of Chisholm street, from Jennings street to Stebbins avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, with granite blocks, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being six thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-one thousand six hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply:

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That it is recommended to the Board of Public Improvements that water-mains be laid in Morgan avenue, between Mecker and Nassau avenues, Borough of Brooklyn.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen June 11, 1899, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Adopted by the Council July 18, 1899, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, August 2, 1899, without his approval or disapproval thereof; therefore, as provided in section 40 of the Greater New York Charter, the same took effect as if he had approved it.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Queens were referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
LONG ISLAND CITY, August 11, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed is a copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition of property-owners along Wickes street, Richmond Hill, Fourth

Ward, Borough of Queens, to grant permission to the Jamaica Water Supply Company to extend its water-main from where the water-main of the said company terminates on said street a distance of about 800 feet therefrom to where said Wickes street intersects Newtown road, and to place fire-hydrants thereon, which was duly adopted by the Local Board of said borough at its meeting held this day.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, Petition of property-owners in Wickes street, in Richmond Hill, Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, to grant permit to the Jamaica Water Supply Company to extend its water-main therein for a distance of about eight hundred feet in where said street is intersected by Newtown road, was submitted by the President of Borough aforementioned to this the Local Board of said Borough at its meeting held August 11, 1899; and

Whereas, The application thus made appears to us to be not only reasonable on the part of the petitioners, but that the granting of same would be to the best interests of all concerned;

It is therefore

Resolved, That the matter be and hereby is recommended to the favorable consideration and action of the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
LONG ISLAND CITY, August 11, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President:

DEAR SIRs—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of resolution, relative to extension of water-mains to Public Schools 15, 17 and 19 in Corona, L. I., was duly adopted by the Local Board of this borough at its meeting held this day.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Resolved, That the desires of the Department of Education to have Schools 15, 17 and 19, located in Corona, Borough of Queens, furnished with water, as set forth in communication addressed to the President of this Board under date of August 10, be and the same is hereby indorsed in approval thereof, and that recommendation be and the same is hereby made to the Board of Public Improvements that it give the subject aforesaid its prompt action, to the end that such water connections may be made before the commencement of the new school term in September next.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
August 11, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition for the legal opening of Newtown avenue, from Flushing avenue to Grand avenue, First Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of aforesaid borough in approval of said petition at its meeting held this day, copy of which is hereto annexed.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, At meeting of this, the Local Board, Borough of Queens, City of New York, held this 11th day of August, 1899, the President of the Borough aforementioned did submit to this Board for public hearing thereon, and consideration and action of this Board, as per notice duly published in CITY RECORD, a petition for the legal opening of Newtown avenue, from Flushing avenue to Grand avenue, in the First Ward, borough and city aforesaid ; and

Whereas, At such public hearing afforded, no opposition was made against this Board approving of said petition ; and it appearing to this Board that compliance with the desires of the petitioners would be to the best interests of the City; therefore

Resolved, That the foregoing matter be and hereby is recommended to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, for its favorable action therein.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, August 14, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report, plan and profile of trunk-sewer in Webster avenue, from Jackson avenue to East river, in the Borough of Queens, and referring for report a change of grade in Webster avenue, between Crescent avenue and Vernon avenue, in First Ward, Borough of Queens, I have to state as follows :

The submitted map was thoroughly examined and found defective in regard to the location of the sewer and its various proposed sizes. The Department of Sewers of the Borough of Queens, in computing the area to be drained into this trunk-sewer, probably did not take into consideration the portion of the watershed lying in the former Town of Newtown, in the Second Ward of Queens, and which if constructed would be inadequate to drain this additional territory and the area which naturally drains through the First Ward and its tributary to the Webster avenue sewer. Upon investigation it was also found that the constructed sewer to the north and south of Webster avenue cannot receive more drainage than originally intended, and it becomes an absolute necessity to provide drainage for a territory which was taken as a base for the calculations of the size of a trunk sewer, which will be adequate to meet the demands in the future.

I recommend, therefore, that the map herewith submitted by this Bureau and designated No. 3A, be substituted for the maps submitted by the Department of Sewers, Borough of Queens, and would also suggest that the same be referred to the Department of Sewers, for approval.

The natural location for this trunk-sewer is as follows :

Webster avenue, from East river to Williams street.

Williams street, from Webster avenue to Paynter avenue.

Paynter avenue, from Williams street to Jackson avenue.

The total length of the sewer will be about 6,400 feet, with a uniform fall of one foot in 1,000 feet. The total area drained is 1,180 acres. The area of the watershed lying within Long Island City is 962 acres. The area within that part of Newtown, now Second Ward of Queens, is 218 acres. The diameter sizes are from 13 feet to 9.75 feet. The sewer discharges into the East river, and the outlet sealed by mean low water.

In the matter of the change of grade in Webster avenue, between Crescent avenue and Vernon avenue, I have to report that it should be held in abeyance until such time the Topographical Bureau takes up the preparation of the grade-map of the First Ward of the Borough of

Queens. This will be done as soon as the modified plan, showing the layout in the First Ward, is approved by the Board of Public Improvements.

The papers and maps are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, AUGUST 11, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report the letter of Mrs. Ida Bierling, requesting a change in the grade of Prospect avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventieth street and Boston road, the following information, together with an attached sketch, I herewith submit. The present grades, which were used in regulating and grading Prospect avenue, were established and filed on the map of Hunt's Point District, filed June 4, 1879.

At that time East One Hundred and Seventieth street was not laid out ; neither was the southern corner of Prospect avenue and Boston road affected in the public place at this corner. East One Hundred and Seventieth street was laid out and filed December 5, 1890.

The northwest corner was included in public place of Section No. 10 of the final maps, filed June 14, 1895. The present grades satisfying all conditions, prior to the two above-mentioned filed changes, but to-day a change of grade would be beneficial to the property between East One Hundred and Seventieth street and Boston road.

The grade of Prospect avenue is about fourteen inches above the present surface in front of the stoop of the only house affected—No. 1430. The proposed change of grade will necessitate a readjustment of the surface of Prospect avenue between East One Hundred and Seventieth street and Boston road, and as this work is now under contract I recommend that the matter be referred to the Department of Highways, Borough of The Bronx.

The papers in this matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, }
August 14, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements :*

DEAR SIR—With letter of May 23d ultimo, from the Secretary of your Board, was transmitted to me for investigation and report a copy of a communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, together with copies of resolutions of the Board of Local Improvements for that borough, calling for the placing of additional fire-hydrants on the water-mains in the water district which was formerly the Village of College Point.

From the report which I now have from the Chief Engineer, I find that it is proper and

necessary for fire protection to place fifty additional hydrants on the water-mains in that district, at an estimated expense of \$100 each, amounting in the aggregate to \$5,000.

In accordance with this conclusion, I submit herewith for adoption by your Board and for transmission to the Municipal Assembly the drafts of a resolution and ordinance authorizing the placing of the hydrants and the making of a contract for the same, the expense to be paid from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the placing of fifty (50) additional fire-hydrants on the water-mains in the water district formerly known as the Village of College Point, in the Third Ward of the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution the following forms of ordinance were approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the placing of fifty (50) additional fire-hydrants on the water-mains in the water district formerly known as the Village of College Point, in the Third Ward of the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.”

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 169 and 178 of the City Charter, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, the Comptroller of The City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to raise, by the issue of Corporate Stock of The City of New York, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, to pay for the placing of fifty additional fire-hydrants on the water-mains in the water district formerly known as the Village of College Point, in the Third Ward of the Borough of Queens.

The following petition was referred to the Engineer of Street Openings :

To the Board of Public Improvements, Honorable MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President :

The petition of the undersigned respectfully shows :

That your petitioners are the owners of certain lands and premises within and abutting upon the lines of the new avenue between Washington Bridge Park at or near One Hundred and Eighty-first street and Amsterdam avenue.

For some years prior to 1894 the proposed legislation extending High Bridge Park to Dyckman street, between the Harlem river and Amsterdam avenue, rendered all the lands, of which your petitioners' lands are a part, uncertain of improvement.

That such extension was established by chapter 749 of the Laws of 1894, and the boundaries in said act were the then existing Washington Bridge Park on the south, Dyckman street and Eleventh avenue on the north, Fort George road and Amsterdam avenue on the west, and the Harlem river on the east, embracing within the said lines the lands of your petitioners.

The said last mentioned act was amended by chapter 876 of the Laws of 1895, which amendment excluded from the boundaries above mentioned all the lands west of the so called public drive, and pursuant to the provisions of said chapter 876 of the Laws of 1895, proceedings for the acquisition of title to these park lands were taken by the City and are at present pending.

That your petitioners' premises are now definitely excluded from this park.

That the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the Corporation known as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of The City of New York, on the 26th day of February, 1897, adopted a map or plan showing this new avenue, extending from Washington Bridge at or near One Hundred and Eighty-first street, along the westerly boundary of this park as laid out by said amendment, to Amsterdam avenue, at One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street.

That your petitioners are desirous of making necessary improvements upon their lands, but will be prevented from doing so while the legal opening of this street is delayed.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board will take such action as will relieve property-owners whose lands front thereon from any further delay in opening this new avenue and a perfect road of access to their lands and assist them in making contemplated improvements.

MARK ASH, and others.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, }
August 11, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York; Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution in favor of granting permit to private property-owners for the construction of of sewers in "Fair View and Grand View avenues, also the connecting streets and avenues, viz.: Himrod street, Harman street, Green avenue, Blecker street, Ralph street, Grove street and Linden street, pursuant to section 560 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897," was duly adopted by the Local Board of the Borough of Queens at its meeting held this day in approval of said petition.

Yours very truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The Deputy Commissioner of Sewers in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, did transmit to this the Local Board of borough aforementioned, communication of the Germania

Real Estate and Improvement Company, with offices in boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, bearing date of 11th instant, wherein the desire is expressed for permit to be issued in conformity with section 560, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, for the construction by them of sewers at their own expense, in Fair View and Grand View avenues and intersecting streets as therein named and appear upon "cross-section and grade chart for sewer system at Germania Heights," as submitted with said application, and

Whereas, No reasonable objection can be interposed against private property-owners investing their own means to improve their lands for any purpose, and is so recognized, encouraged and enabled by the section of the Charter of the Greater New York as above enumerated; wherefore it is accordingly

Resolved, That the granting of permit as per copy of application annexed hereto, recommendation be and the same is hereby made to the Commissioner of Sewers and the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York.

(Copy.)

GERMANIA REAL ESTATE AND IMPROVEMENTS, {
NEW YORK, August 11, 1899. }

To the Board of Public Improvements, Borough of Queens:

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned company, earnestly petition through the Local Board of Improvements for the privilege of constructing sewers on Fair View and Grand View avenues, as marked on inclosed map; also the connecting streets and avenues, viz.: Himrod and Harman streets, Green avenue, Bleecker, Ralph, Grove and Linden streets, pursuant to section 560 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

Trusting the Department will give this their immediate attention, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) HENRY A. MEYER, President.

The following report from the Department of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer:

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
NEW YORK, August 16, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the petition of The Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company to build sewers from East Twenty-first to Twenty-sixth streets, inclusive, in the Borough of Brooklyn, which was referred to this Department at your last meeting, I respectfully transmit copy of communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, also one from the Chief Engineer of Sewers, and I indorse the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, and respectfully ask that the matter be again referred to Mr. Risse, your Chief Engineer.

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
NEW YORK, August 15, 1899. }

Hon. MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers:

DEAR SIR—The Department's communication of August 11, 1899, relative to petition of The Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company, to build sewers in East Twenty-first to

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East Twenty-sixth streets, inclusive, was referred to the Chief Engineer of Sewers in this borough.

I respectfully inclose Mr. Asserson's report upon this matter for your consideration.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) WM. BRENNAN,
Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, }
NEW YORK, August 15, 1899. }

Hon. WILLIAM BRENNAN, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully acknowledge receipt of communication from the Department, dated August 11, 1899, and referred to me for report, relative to the petition of The Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company to build sewers in East Twenty-first street to East Twenty-sixth street inclusive, in the Borough of Brooklyn, together with a communication from the Board of Public Improvements, dated August 10, 1899, transmitting the report of Mr. Louis A. Risse, Chief Topographical Engineer of said Board.

There is a change of grade affecting these streets which has been acted upon favorably by the Board of Public Improvements, but has not been finally disposed of by the Municipal Assembly. The submission of a supplementary map showing change of location of summit of sewer for filing with the papers of the petition would necessitate a subsequent supplementary map, should the Municipal Assembly approve of change of grade recommended.

I therefore respectfully request that the papers may again be referred to Mr. Risse, with the assurance that when the change of grade has been disposed of, that a supplementary map will be immediately presented.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) HENRY R. ASSERSON, Chief Engineer of Sewers.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that water-main be laid on Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-third to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets.

Adopted.

Yours truly,
JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

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Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that water-main be laid in One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, from Eighth avenue to the Viaduct abutment.

Adopted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that water-main on Eighth avenue be extended from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth to One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street.

Adopted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

NEW YORK CITY, August 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held on August 15, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the vacant lots located at the south side of West One Hundred and Thirteenth street, beginning at the west wall of No. 34 and extending westerly fifty (50) feet, be fenced.

Adopted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that West End avenue, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth streets, be asphalted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Carmine and Varick streets be repaved with asphalt to Canal street.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Fifteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Fifteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Forty-second street, from curb to curb and between rails in street, from Fifth to Lexington avenue, be asphalted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Charlton street be repaved with asphalt.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that King street be repaved with asphalt.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

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NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Vandam street be repaved with asphalt.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Thirteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that asphalt strips be laid on both sides of Sixth avenue, from Third to Thirteenth street.

Respectfully,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that sewer be constructed in Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Fifty-third to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following communication was referred to the Chief Engineer :

NEW YORK, December 3, 1898.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, in The City of New York, in the Borough of The Bronx :

We, the property owners of Inwood avenue, in the said borough, respectfully desire to call your attention to the following :

First. That on said-mentioned avenue the manholes, according to the City Engineer's statement, is three feet or more above the usual grading of said avenue ;

Second. Whereas, the property owners have ascertained that the said avenue is to be filled in to the level of the manhole ;

We, the undersigned citizens of said-mentioned city, and property owners along the said-mentioned avenue, respectfully request the said Deputy of Highways to have the said manholes cut down to the proper level of said-mentioned street, in place of filling in said street to level of said-mentioned manholes.

DAVID D. CONNELL and others.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was approved, and the petition denied :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, August 10, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—I return herewith plan showing change of Map T, Sewerage District No. 40, Borough of Brooklyn, showing location, size and grades of sewers in the territory bounded by Church avenue, East Seventeenth street, Beverly road (Avenue B), and East Fourteenth street, being part of the Twenty-ninth Ward.

The map was adopted by the Commissioner of Sewers, submitted to the Board of Public Improvements, examined by this office, and found correct.

This Map T, showing the contemplated change of the sewerage system, should East Sixteenth street, from Albemarle road westerly to the eastern line of Brighton Beach Railroad, be closed. The matter of closing East Sixteenth street was referred back to the Local Board, Borough of Brooklyn, for reconsideration.

I recommend, therefore, that no action be taken upon this map until such time as the East Sixteenth street closing matter is determined, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn.

The map and papers are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read, and the matter was laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
August 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements* :

DEAR SIR—The Commissioners of Highways of the late Town of Newtown, Borough of Queens, entered into a contract with William Booth for improving National avenue, Pullis avenue, Freeman avenue, and other streets enumerated in the accompanying copy of the contract.

The resolution adopted by the Electors of the Town of Newtown at the spring election in 1897 specifies no particular kind of pavement for the different roads or streets, the kind of material to be used in improving the streets and roads having evidently been left entirely to the discretion of the Board of Highway Commissioners.

Subsequently a map of the Town of Newtown was filed in the County Clerk's office, showing all the roads or streets to be improved, those colored yellow to be paved with granite blocks and those colored red to be macadamized.

In 1897 the improvement of twelve of the roads or streets included in the contract was finished, fifteen remained unfinished and the work on nine was not begun.

Up to December 31, 1897, the contractor had received \$387,834.18, which, with other expenditures for engineering, inspection, etc., left a balance of \$208,943.38, which was turned

over to the Comptroller of the Greater City of New York to be placed to the credit of the fund created by the issue of bonds to pay for these improvements.

The estimated cost of finishing the uncompleted improvements under Mr. Booth's contract, and of improving streets upon which work has not yet been begun, is \$229,940.85.

The expense of engineering and inspection on the work remaining to be done is estimated at \$9,500, making a total of \$239,440.85, showing a deficit of \$30,497.47 if the roads and streets included in Mr. Booth's contract are improved with the material specified therein.

In order that all the streets named in the contract may be improved within the limits of the fund set apart for these improvements, the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Queens, suggests that macadam be substituted for granite blocks on the roads or streets on which work has not yet been begun. In this connection, I refer you to inclosures No. 1 and No. 2. Inclosure No. 1 shows that the cost of finishing the work under the contract with the paving material therein specified is estimated at \$229,940.85. Inclosure No. 2 is a statement in detail showing the proposed modification of the contract so as to bring the expenditure for the improving of the streets within the amount of the fund created by the issue of bonds.

By substituting macadam for granite on the streets specified in inclosure No. 2, the expenditure involved, including the expense of engineering and inspection, will be \$208,339.80, or \$603.58 less than the amount available.

In view of the insufficiency of the funds to carry out the work under his contract as originally specified, the contractor has given his consent in writing to the substitution of macadam for granite-block pavement, as recommended by the Deputy Commissioner of Highways, the price to be paid for the macadam on the streets, where that kind of paving material is to be substituted for granite, to be the same as that specified in the contract for macadam pavement on other streets.

Under these circumstances, I respectfully request authority to modify the contract as herein indicated.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
NEW YORK, April 25, 1899.

Enclosure No. 1.

NAME OF STREET OR AVENUE.	NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT.	COST.
Pullis avenue	Granite	\$5,584 30
Furman avenue.....	"	5,960 00
Stanhope street	"	11,105 00
Wyckoff avenue	"	3,957 50
Court street	Macadam.....	11,844 74
Maurice avenue.....	"	1,494 30
Montgomery avenue	Granite	14,463 50
Mount Olivet avenue.....	"	2,975 40
Maiden lane.	"	7,854 75
Juniper Swamp road	Macadam.....	9,667 50

NAME OF STREET OR AVENUE.	NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT.	COST.
Old Brook School road.....	Granite and macadam.....	\$19,095 35
Featherbed lane.....	Granite.....	8,732 00
Fisk avenue.....	".....	36,990 25
Juniper avenue.....	".....	13,638 25
Grand avenue.....	".....	9,350 00
Greenpoint avenue.....	".....	8,522 50
Woodside avenue.....	".....	9,161 25
Cypress avenue.....	".....	31,870 00
Columbia avenue.....	".....	7,559 75
Chicago avenue.....	Macadam.....	1,368 75
Trains Meadow road.....	".....	2,267 00
Old Flushing avenue.....	Granite.....	2,358 26
Fifth street.....	Macadam.....	2,782 50
North Hempstead road.....	".....	1,338 00
Total.....		229,640 85

Enclosure No. 2.

NAME OF ROAD OR STREET.	NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT.	COST.
Pullis avenue.....	Granite..... Balance,	\$5,584 30
Furman avenue.....	Macadam.....	3,699 00
Stanhope street.....	Granite.....	19,565 00
Wyckoff avenue.....	"..... Balance,	3,957 50
Court street.....	Macadam..... "	11,844 74
Maurice avenue.....	"..... "	1,494 30
Montgomery avenue.....	Granite..... "	14,463 50
Mount Olivet avenue.....	"..... "	2,975 40
Maiden lane.....	Macadam.....	4,936 80
Juniper Swamp road.....	"..... Balance,	9,667 50
Old Brook School road.....	".....	14,544 30
Featherbed lane.....	Granite..... Balance,	8,732 00
Fisk avenue.....	"..... "	36,990 25
Juniper avenue.....	Macadam.....	8,573 40
Grand avenue.....	"..... Balance,	6,750 00
Greenpoint avenue.....	".....	5,365 50

NAME OF ROAD OR STREET.	NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT.	COST.
Woodside avenue.....	Macadam.....	\$4,856 00
Cypress avenue.....	".....	19,820 80
Columbia avenue.....	".....	4,905 00
Chicago avenue.....	"..... Balance,	1,358 75
Trains Meadow road.....	"..... "	2,267 00
Old Flushing avenue.....	Granite..... "	2,358 26
North Hempstead road.....	Macadam..... "	1,338 00
Fifth street.....	"..... "	2,782 50
Total.....		\$198,839 80

The following reports from the Commissioner of Sewers were read, and the matters laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, August 16, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost of constructing sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, from the existing sewer in East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street to the west side of Concourse to Monroe avenue, together with the assessed valuation of property benefited :

Estimated cost	\$3,405 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment.. ..	22,150 00

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, August 14, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost, etc., for constructing sewer in St. Mary's street, from St. Ann's avenue to Cypress avenue, Borough of The Bronx :

Estimated cost	\$5,455 00
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Assessed valuation of property within the area of assessment—

St. Mary's Park property.....	150,000 00
Private property.....	37,200 00
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	<u>\$187,200 00</u>

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost of constructing sewer and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, from Anthony avenue to Monroe avenue, together with the assessed valuation of property to be benefited :

Estimated cost.....	\$4,126 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment.....	23,300 00

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit the estimated cost of constructing receiving-basins and appurtenances on Brook avenue, opposite Anna place, and southwest corner of Brook avenue and Anna place, with the assessed valuation of property to be benefited :

Estimated cost.....	\$617 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment.....	65,625 00

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Richmond was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :

DEAR SIR—I beg respectfully to remind you again of the serious situation of affairs in the Borough of Richmond in the neighborhood of the Arrietta street brook, referred to in my letter to you of July 26 last.

The severe storms of August 5 and August 10 caused the greatest damage yet known to property in the vicinity of this brook, and the residents of that locality have become so impatient over the failure of the City to make some provision for their relief that a mass meeting was held last night at which resolutions were passed condemning the action of the City for its failure to act upon the recommendation of our Local Board made on November 29, 1898, and forwarded to you in my communication of November 30, 1898.

I am also in receipt this morning of the following communication from the Secretary of that meeting :

“TOMPKINSVILLE, August 16, 1899.

“*Hon. GEORGE CROMWELL, President, Borough of Richmond, St. George, S. I. :*

“DEAR SIR—At a meeting of residents and taxpayers held at Monroe Hall on August 15, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

“Resolved, That the President of Richmond Borough be requested to ask the Board of Public Improvements of Greater New York to set a date when a public hearing shall be granted on the matter of the removal of what is familiarly known as ‘the Arrietta street brook.’

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"A large number of residents and taxpayers are desirous of appearing before the Central Board, to endeavor thereby to obtain relief from what is undoubtedly a public nuisance. .

"Very truly yours,

"JOHN J. HAYES, Secretary of the Meeting."

The situation is indeed most grave, and no written words of mine can add to what I have already said before the Board as to the great need for prompt relief to this section of the borough.

In accordance with the request contained in the letter to me above quoted, I hereby ask that a public hearing be given on Wednesday next, August 23, at 2 P. M., concerning the matter above referred to.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, August 23, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Comptroller (Deputy Comptroller Levey), the Commissioner of Water Supply (Deputy Commissioner Haslin), the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers (Deputy Commissioner Donohue), the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges (Deputy Commissioner York), the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meetings of August 9 and 16, 1899, were approved.

The following copies of Injunction Order, Summons, Complaint, Exhibit, Affidavit and Undertaking on Injunction were served on the President of the Board :

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT,
COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

Press Publishing Company,
Plaintiff,
against

Maurice F. Holahan, James P. Keating, James Kane,
John L. Shea, William Dalton, James McCartney,
Henry S. Kearny, James J. Coogan, Edward M.
Grout, Louis F. Haffen, George Cromwell, Frederick
Bowley, Bird S. Coler, John Whalen, Robert A. Van
Wyck and Randolph Guggenheimer, constituting the
Board of Public Improvements of The City of New
York, and the Ramapo Water Company,
Defendants.

It appearing to my satisfaction from the annexed verified complaint and the affidavit of J. Angus Shaw, verified this day, that the Press Publishing Company demands, and is entitled to,

a judgment against the said defendants, restraining the commission or continuance of an act, the commission or continuance of which during the pendency of this action would produce injury to the plaintiff.

Now, on reading the summons herein, the said verified complaint, and the annexed affidavit of J. Angus Shaw, all verified the 21st day of August, 1899, and on motion of Bowers & Sands, attorneys for the plaintiff, it is

Ordered, that the defendants, Maurice F. Holahan, James P. Keating, James Kane, John L. Shea, William Dalton, James McCartney, Henry S. Kearny, James J. Coogan, Edward M. Grout, Louis F. Haffen, George Cromwell, Frederick Bowley, Bird S. Coler, John Whalen, Robert A. Van Wyck and Randolph Guggenheimer, constituting the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, be, and they hereby are, enjoined and restrained from authorizing, approving or voting to authorize or approve of the execution of any contract with the defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, which contract gives or purports to give the right to the said defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, to supply water to The City of New York, and that the defendant W. Dalton may be, and he hereby is, enjoined and restrained from preparing or executing such contract with the defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, as aforesaid. And it is further

Ordered, that the said defendants constituting the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York and each and all of them are hereby enjoined and restrained, individually or as such Board, from voting to pass any resolution authorizing or granting to the said defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, any contract purporting to give to the said defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, any right to sell or deliver water to The City of New York. And it is further

Ordered, that the said defendants and each and all of them show cause before one of the Justices of this Court at a Special Term to be held at Part I., in the County Court-house, in The City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, on the 25th day of August, 1899, at 10.30 A. M., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why the injunction granted herein should not be continued, pending the final judgment in this action, and why the plaintiff should not have such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and proper.

Service of this order upon the defendants constituting the Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York, and upon the defendant the Ramapo Water Company, on or before the 23d day of August, 1899, at 5 o'clock P. M., shall be deemed good and sufficient service thereof.

Dated New York, Borough of Manhattan, August 21, 1899.

H. W. BOOKSTAVEN,
Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT,
NEW YORK COUNTY.

Press Publishing Company, a Domestic Corporation,
Plaintiff,

against

Maurice F. Holahan, James P. Keating, James Kane,
John L. Shea, William Dalton, James McCartney,
Henry S. Kearny, James J. Coogan, Edward M. Grout,
Louis F. Haffen, George Cromwell, Frederick Bowley,
Bird S. Coler, John Whalen, Robert A. Van Wyck and
Randolph Guggenheimer, constituting the Board of
Public Improvements of the City of New York, and
Ramapo Water Company,
Defendants.

To the above-named Defendants :

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorneys, within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service ; and, in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated NEW YORK, August 21, 1899.

BOWERS & SANDS, Plaintiff's Attorneys,
Office and Post Office address, No. 31 Nassau street,
Borough of Manhattan, New York City, N. Y.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT,
COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

Press Publishing Company,
Plaintiff,

against

Maurice F. Holahan, James P. Keating, James Kane,
John L. Shea, William Dalton, James McCartney,
Henry S. Kearny, James J. Coogan, Edward M.
Grout, Louis F. Haffen, George Cromwell, Freder-
rick Bowley, Bird S. Coler, John Whalen, Robert
A. Van Wyck and Randolph Guggenheimer, consti-
tuting the Board of Public Improvements of The
City of New York, and the Ramapo Water Com-
pany,
Defendants.

The complaint of the Press Publishing Company, a domestic corporation, by Bowers & Sands, its attorneys, respectfully shows and alleges :

I.

That the plaintiff is a domestic corporation, having its principal office for the transaction of its business at No. 63 Park row, in The City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, and is a resident of and taxpayer of the said City of New York, and is annually assessed for the purposes of taxation in said city in an amount exceeding one thousand dollars and is liable to and does pay annually a tax on such assessment and has done so for the past thirty years.

II.

That the defendant, Maurice F. Holahan, is the President of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, James P. Keating, is the Commissioner of Highways of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, James Kane, is Commissioner of Sewers of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, John L. Shea, is Commissioner of Bridges of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, William Dalton, is Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, James McCartney, is Commissioner of Street Cleaning of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, Henry S. Kearny, is Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, James J. Coogan, is President of the Borough of Manhattan, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, Edward M. Grout, is President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, Louis F. Haffen, is President of the Borough of The Bronx, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, George Cromwell, is President of the Borough of Richmond, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, Frederick Bowley, is President of the Borough of Queens, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, Bird S. Coler, is Comptroller of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, John Whalen, is Corporation Counsel of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, Robert A. Van Wyck, is Mayor of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements; that the defendant, Randolph Guggenheimer, is President of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, and by virtue of his office a member of the Board of Public Improvements, and were and are the members of the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, under section 410 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897.

III.

The defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, as the plaintiff is informed and believes, is a domestic corporation, incorporated in the year 1883 under the name of the Ramapo Improvement Company, and was reorganized in the year 1887 under the title of the Ramapo Water Company.

IV.

The plaintiff is informed and believes that prior to the 14th day of June, 1899, a resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Improvements in form, as follows:

“Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board communicate with the various water companies which have made application to the Board for the privilege of supplying water to the various parts of the city, and notify them that the Board had set Tuesday, June 14, as the day for hearing

when those interested may make application to the Board in person for the privilege of supplying water to the city."

And that thereafter, and on or about the 10th day of June, a hearing was held in conformity with above resolution. That at said hearing one Silas B. Dutcher, and Edward Lauterbach, H. C. M. Ingraham and P. E. Van Nostrand appeared on behalf of the said water company in an endeavor to obtain from The City of New York, through the said Board of Public Improvements, a contract granting to said water company the right to supply the city good and wholesome water at a rate therein mentioned, a copy of the said contract is hereto annexed, marked "A," and made a part of this complaint.

That at the said meeting, the defendant, Maurice F. Holahan, said "this meeting is held by resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements for the purpose of giving the Ramapo Water Company an opportunity to present their argument relative to an increased supply of water for this city. The hearing is granted as a matter of courtesy in order that the gentlemen who represent the company may be able to furnish some facts and statistics." And that thereafter, and on or about the 16th day of August, 1899, at a meeting of the Board of Public Improvements, the resolution to enter into a contract with the defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, was again placed before the said Board of Public Improvements by the President thereof, Maurice F. Holahan. That at this meeting the passage of the said resolution directing the execution of said contract was prevented by the attack upon it by the Comptroller of The City of New York, the Honorable Bird S. Coler. The plaintiff begs leave to incorporate and make a part of this complaint the proceedings of the said Board of Public Improvements on the said 16th day of August, 1899, with the same force and effect as if here fully set forth.

V.

Plaintiff alleges, on information and belief, that the said resolution to authorize a grant to the said Ramapo Water Company on a contract, as aforesaid, was tabled by reason of the interference and denunciation of the said Coler, who characterized the said grant as a most infamous steal, and that the said resolution to grant the said contract is still pending, undecided and undetermined, before the said Board of Public Improvements, which, plaintiff alleges, on information and belief, will hold a meeting on the 23d day of August, 1899, at which time the authorization of the said contract may be made, unless enjoined by the equitable powers of this Court.

VI.

The plaintiff alleges that the said contract, if granted to the said Ramapo Water Company, is and will be injurious to the welfare of the public and to the plaintiff as a taxpayer, and in fraud of his rights as such, and will impose a heavy burden on the property of citizens and taxpayers, of which the plaintiff is one, and will cause to the plaintiff grievous and irreparable injury. That the plaintiff cannot obtain speedy and adequate relief at law and invokes the equitable powers of this Court.

VII.

Plaintiff further alleges, on information and belief, that the attempt to grant to the said Ramapo Water Company a contract similar to Exhibit A, annexed hereto, is the result of a fraudulent political combination, in violation of law and of the plaintiff's rights as a citizen and taxpayer, and that if the contract is executed with the said company it will involve the expenditure of some two hundred millions of dollars of the City money within the space of forty years, imposing upon the taxpayers of The City of New York and upon this plaintiff taxes upon an additional burden of fourteen thousand dollars a day of public money, to be paid to the said Ramapo Water Company under the said contract, if approved and executed as aforesaid.

VIII.

The plaintiff further alleges that the water to be supplied under the said contract is unnecessary and uncalled for, and that the present water supply of The City of New York is adequate, and that the execution of said contract by the City will not be a proper disposition of the City money, and would be a breach of trust, calling for the interposition of a Court of Equity, and its necessary effect will be to interpose heavy burdens on the property of citizens and taxpayers.

Wherefore the plaintiff prays judgment against the said defendants, restraining the said defendants from authorizing, approving or voting to authorize or approve of the execution of any contract with the defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, which would give, or purport to give, the right to the said defendant, the Ramapo Water Company, to supply water to The City of New York, and for such other and further relief as to this Honorable Court in its equitable jurisdiction may seem just and proper in the premises.

BOWERS & SANDS,

Attorneys for Plaintiffs, No. 31 Nassau street, New York City.

County of New York, Borough of Manhattan, ss. :

J. Angus Shaw, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Secretary of the above-named plaintiff, which is a domestic corporation; that he has read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of August, 1899.

WILLIAM C. BOWERS, Notary Public, New York County.

EXHIBIT "A."

Agreement made this day of , 1898, by and between the Ramapo Water Company, a corporation of the State of New York (hereinafter called the Water Company), party of the first part, and The City of New York, a municipal corporation, by William Dalton, the Commissioner of Water Supply of said corporation (hereinafter called The City of New York), as authorized by chapter 378, sections 415, 457 and 471 of the Laws of 1897, party of the second part.

Whereas, The said Water Company was duly incorporated on or about the 12th day of September, 1887, under and in pursuance of the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed on the 17th day of February, 1848, entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes," and of the several acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof; and

Whereas, The said Water Company is authorized and empowered by law, and more particularly by the provisions of chapter 985, Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to limit and define the powers of the Ramapo Water Company," passed on the 11th day of June, 1895, to acquire such lands and waters along the sheds of the Ramapo, and along such other watersheds and their tributaries as may be suitable for the purpose of accumulating, storing, deducting, selling, furnishing and supplying water for domestic and municipal purposes to any city, town and village, and may contract with any corporation in this State, public or private, to furnish water for the purposes mentioned; and

Whereas, The said Water Company has proposed to supply The City of New York with water from streams and lakes and their tributary watersheds in the State of New York, west of the Hudson river, to be delivered at a pressure at the place of delivery due to an elevation of three hundred feet above mean tide level; and

Whereas, The City of New York is authorized, under the provision of chapter 985, section 3, Laws of 1895, to enter into a contract with said Water Company to furnish water for domestic and municipal purposes to said city for any length of time that may be deemed advisable ; and

Whereas, The said Commissioner of Water Supply has duly examined into the sources of the water supply so proposed to be furnished by said Water Company, and has selected the Esopus and its tributary and connecting watersheds, and has determined that the supply from those sources will be adequate, and that water supplied from these sources will be pure and wholesome, and, being drawn from mountainous and rocky areas very sparsely populated, is and will remain and continue to be, free from contamination and pollution, and has determined that said Water Company is duly authorized by law to do whatever is necessary to enable it to furnish and deliver to The City of New York and to its inhabitants the quantity of water which the said Water Company hereafter agrees to furnish and deliver, at a pressure at the place of delivery due to an elevation of three hundred feet mean tide level ; and

Whereas, Preliminary to the execution of this contract the provisions of this contract in all its details in form and substance as herein provided were submitted to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, and the assent of said Board, after such submission to it, was given by resolution to the execution of such proposed contract as so submitted ;

Now, therefore, this agreement witnesseth, that in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and of one dollar (\$1) in hand paid by each party hereto to the other party hereto, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the construction by the said Water Company of the dams, reservoirs, conduits and pipelines necessary to carry out the covenants and conditions of the said Water Company herein contained, the parties hereto have covenanted, promised and agreed, and hereby covenant, promise and agree, the party of the first part for itself, its successors and assigns, and the party of the second part for itself and assigns, as follows :

1. The said Water Company, the party of the first part, will furnish, supply and deliver, by a gravity system of transmission, at its own cost and expense, water to be taken from the Esopus and its tributary and connecting watersheds west of the Hudson river and in the State of New York, to the party of the second part, The City of New York, at the time and place, and in the manner and under the conditions hereinafter specified, and will accept as full compensation therefor the sum of seventy dollars (\$70) for each and every million gallons of such water so delivered.

2. The said Water Company hereby covenants and agrees that the water so furnished, supplied and delivered shall not be drawn from any stream or lake, the surface of which is at an elevation of less than four hundred and twenty feet above mean tide level, and that such water shall be of greater purity than the water supplied to The City of New York from the Croton and Long Island watersheds, as shown by the average of the analyses of the water from these sheds taken from the distributing reservoirs within the cities, which have been made under the direction of the Health Officers of The City of New York and of the City of Brooklyn, during the past year, as shown by the public record as compared with the average of the analyses for a like period of the water to be furnished by the party of the second part, taken at the point of delivery, to be made by the Health Officers of The City of New York or by the Commissioner of Water Supply of said city.

3. The said Water Company further covenants and agrees to furnish, supply and deliver to The City of New York two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons of such water, at a pressure due to an elevation of 300 feet above mean tide level, on and during each and every day for the period of forty years, from and after the first day of _____, in the year 1902. Subject, however, to the right of The City of New York (through its Commissioner of Water Supply or his successor in office or position) to reduce the quantity of supply to such number of gallons as to his judgment may be required, upon notice thereof to the party of the first part, except as hereinafter otherwise excepted, conditioned and provided ; and to deliver such water to the party

of the first part at the northern boundary line of The City of New York at the point of intersection thereof with the New Croton Aqueduct.

4. The said Water Company hereby covenants and agrees that it will construct, maintain and operate all such reservoirs, conduits and pipe lines, as may be necessary to accumulate, store, furnish, supply and so deliver such water without cost or liability to The City of New York other than the payment of seventy dollars (\$70) for each and every million gallons of such water so furnished, supplied and delivered, as herein provided.

5. The City of New York, in consideration of the covenants, promises and agreements of the said Water Company herein contained, covenants and agrees to accept and receive such water as it may require, not exceeding two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons of such water so delivered by the said Water Company, on and during each and every day from and after the first day of in the year 1902, and The City of New York hereby covenants and agrees to pay, in regular quarterly payments, to the said Water Company, its successors and assigns, the sum of seventy dollars (\$70) for each and every million gallons of such water so delivered not exceeding 200,000,000 daily.

6. The City of New York agrees to authorize, and does hereby authorize, the said Water Company to act as the agent and representative of The City of New York, so far as it may lawfully do so, in doing whatever may be necessary for the fulfillment of this contract; provided and conditioned that The City of New York shall not incur, or be or become liable for, any cost or expenditure on account thereof or in connection therewith.

7. It is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that the agreement of the said Water Company to furnish, supply and deliver to The City of New York, and of The City of New York to accept, receive and pay for, not exceeding two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons of water on each and every day from and after the first day of 1902, as hereinbefore expressed, are made subject to and conditioned upon the further understanding and agreement, hereby made by and between the parties hereto, that, in consideration of the promise of the said Water Company, hereby given, to expedite and hasten the completion of its works so as to enable it to deliver such water, or a part thereof, prior to that date, The City of New York hereby agrees to accept, receive and pay for, as hereinbefore provided, that quantity of water, or any part thereof, so required, whenever such water shall be furnished and delivered by the party of the first part prior to said date upon the condition that the said Water Company shall notify the said Commissioner of Water Supply that it will deliver that quantity of water, or a part thereof, during the next ensuing year, giving in such notification the quantity to be delivered and the date or dates upon which the delivery of the quantity or quantities, if the quantity to be delivered daily is to be increased during the year, will commence; such notification to be so given not less than thirty days prior to the beginning of the year during which the delivery of such quantity of water, or a part thereof, shall be so commenced.

8. It is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto that the time herein fixed for the delivery of such water as herein provided may be deferred, at the option of the said Water Company, for a period equal to the time during which the said Water Company shall be delayed or interfered with in the construction of the works necessary for the delivery of such water, by any injunction or legal proceeding, or by strikes of workmen, or by any other cause of delay not within the power of the said Water Company to remedy or overcome.

9. It is further understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the failure to deliver such water, or any part thereof, at any time after the commencement of such delivery, caused by an accident or injury to the works of the said Water Company, shall not invalidate this contract, provided such injury, or cause of failure, shall be repaired or removed by the said Water Company as soon as may be practicable, and that if the said Water Company cannot, by reason of such accident or injury, deliver the full quantity of two hundred million (200,000,000) gallons daily, The City of New York shall only pay for the quantity of water that can be delivered.

10. It is hereby further agreed by and between the parties hereto, that this contract may be modified, altered or amended hereafter, in such manner as the parties may deem to be necessary or desirable.

11. The said Water Company covenants and agrees that no laborer, workman or mechanic who it may have in its employ, or in the employ of its sub-contractor or other person doing or contracting to do the whole or part of the work contemplated by this contract, shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day except in cases of extraordinary emergency caused by fire, flood or danger to life or property ; and it is further covenanted and agreed that each such laborer, workman or mechanic employed by said Water Company, its sub-contractors or other person in, about or upon such public work, shall receive such wages as are provided for by chapter 415 of the Laws of 1897 as amended by chapter 567 of the Laws of 1899 ; and it is further covenanted and agreed that upon the failure to comply with the provisions of section 3 of chapter 567 of the Laws of 1899, this contract shall be void and of no effect.

The said Water Company shall furnish a bond to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the faithful performance of the above agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized officers have respectively signed the corporate seals of the parties hereto and fixed the corporate seals of the parties hereto, the day and year first above written ; and have duly executed this agreement in triplicate, one part of which is to remain with the Commissioner of Water Supply, one for to be filed with the Comptroller of The City of New York, and the third to be delivered to the party of the second part.

Signed and sealed in the presence of :

Approved as to form:

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT,

NEW YORK COUNTY.

Press Publishing Company, a domestic corporation,
Plaintiff,

against

Maurice F. Holahan, James P. Keating, James Kane, John L. Shea, William Dalton, James McCartney, Henry S. Kearny, James J. Coogan, Edward M. Grout, Louis F. Haffen, George Cromwell, Frederick Bowley, Bird S. Coler, John Whalen, Robert A. Van Wyck and Randolph Guggenheimer, constituting the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, and Ramapo Water Company,

Defendants.

County of New York, Borough of Manhattan, ss. :

J. Angus Shaw, being duly sworn, says that he is the secretary to the plaintiff, which is a domestic corporation ; that on or about the 16th day of August, 1899, there was presented for adoption to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, by the defendant William

Dalton, the Commissioner of Water Supply of The City of New York, and a member thereof, a proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company, which deponent alleges, upon information and belief, is a domestic corporation ; a copy of said contract is annexed to the complaint herein, marked "A," and deponent begs leave to incorporate it and make it a part of this affidavit, with the same force and effect as if here fully set forth.

That the plaintiff herein, the Press Publishing Company, is a taxpayer of The City of New York, and has been for upwards of thirty years, and is annually assessed upon real property of the value of one thousand dollars and over.

Deponent alleges, upon information and belief, that the said contract with the Ramapo Water Company, as aforesaid, was presented for adoption to the said Board of Public Improvements, and was presented to them with the intention that they should authorize the said Dalton to execute such contract with the said Ramapo Water Company, in accordance with the provisions of section 457 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, known as the Greater New York Charter, and that the said authorization was not given by the said Board of Public Improvements at its said meeting on the 16th day of August, 1899, by reason of the vigorous opposition to its authorization by the defendant Bird S. Coler, the Comptroller of The City of New York, who, at the said meeting, characterized the authorization of the said contract as an infamous steal.

Deponent further alleges that the said contract, if executed, will be in violation of the plaintiff's rights as a citizen and taxpayer, and will be injurious to the public welfare and to the plaintiff, and in fraud of its rights, and will impose a heavy burden on the property of citizens and taxpayers in The City of New York ; and further alleges, upon information and belief, that water can be obtained from other sources at less expense than will be entailed by the making of this proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company, which deponent alleges, upon information and belief, will result in the expenditure of two hundred million dollars of public money within the next forty years, and will raise the tax rates very materially, for which there will be no adequate return to the plaintiff and other citizens ; and further alleges, upon information and belief, that the said Board of Public Improvements will not be acting in the best interests of the citizens and taxpayers of The City of New York if it adopts or authorizes the adoption of said contract, Exhibit "A," annexed to the complaint herein.

That the plaintiff has no adequate or speedy remedy at law and evokes the equitable jurisdiction of this Court to restrain such adoption or authorization.

Deponent further says that no previous application for an injunction has been made to any Court or Judge.

J. ANGUS SHAW.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of August, 1899.

WILLIAM C. BOWERS, Notary Public, New York County.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT,
COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

Press Publishing Company,
Plaintiff,

against

Maurice F. Holahan, James P. Keating, James Kane,
John L. Shea, William Dalton, James McCartney,
Henry S. Kearny, James J. Coogan, Edward M.
Grout, Louis F. Haffen, George Cromwell, Frederick
Bowley, Bird S. Coler, John Whalen, Robert A. Van
Wyck, Randolph Guggenheimer, constituting Board
of Public Improvements of The City of New York, and
Ramapo Water Company,

Defendants.

Undertaking on Injunction.

The above-named plaintiff having applied to one of the Justices of this Court for an injunction in this action restraining the defendants from approving or executing a certain contract with the Ramapo Water Company for supplying drinking water to The City of New York, as is more particularly set forth in the affidavit of J. Angus Shaw, annexed hereto, and verified August 21 1899; now, therefore, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, we, Pomeroy Burton, of No. 1024 Ocean avenue in the City of New York, Borough of Brooklyn, and Jacob Dreyfuss, of No. 1713 Bathgate avenue, in said City of New York, Borough of The Bronx, do jointly and severally undertake in the sum of \$2,000 that the plaintiff will pay to the defendants so enjoined such damages not exceeding the before-mentioned sum as they may sustain by reason of the injunction, if the Court finally decides that the plaintiff was not entitled thereto; such damages to be ascertained by the Court or by a Referee appointed by the Court, or by a writ of inquiry, or otherwise, as the Court shall direct.

Dated New York City, Borough of Manhattan, August 21, 1899.

POMEROY BURTON.

[SEAL]

JACOB DREYFUSS.

[SEAL]

City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, ss. :

Pomeroy Burton, being duly sworn, says that he is a resident and a householder within the State of New York, and worth twice the sum specified in the above undertaking over all the debts and liabilities which he owes or has incurred, and exclusive of property exempt by law from levy and sale under an execution.

POMEROY BURTON.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of August, 1899.

BERNARD VORHAUS, Commissioner of Deeds, New York City.

City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, ss. :

Jacob Dreyfuss, being duly sworn, says that he is a resident and a freeholder within the State of New York, and worth twice the sum specified in the above undertaking over all the debts and liabilities which he owes or has incurred, and exclusive of property exempt by law from levy and sale under execution.

JACOB DREYFUSS.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of August, 1894.

BERNARD VORHAUS, Commissioner of Deeds, New York City.

City and County of New York, ss. :

I certify that on this 21st day of August, 1899, before me personally appeared the above-named Pomeroy Burton and Jacob Dreyfuss, known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the within undertaking, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

BERNARD VORHAUS, Commissioner of Deeds, New York City.

Approved as to sufficiency and form.

August 21, 1899.

H. W. BOOKSTAVEN, J. S. C.

In the matter of the widening of Cauldwell avenue the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on July 19, 1899, to change the map or plan of The City of New York by the widening of Cauldwell avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In the matter of the proposed laying out of Van Corlear place, which was laid over from the meeting of August 16, the following protest was read :

No. 10 Maiden Lane,
NEW YORK CITY, August 23, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, Park Row Building, City :

DEAR SIR—In re the matter of an extension of Van Corlear place, Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, City (Twelfth Ward), I desire to register my protest against the extension, as shown on map which I examined in your office this morning.

I am, however, in favor of a 50 or 60 foot street on northerly section of Marble Hill, which would permit of easy access to and from the railroad depots.

Yours truly,

CHARLES F. OLXX.

Nobody appearing in opposition to the proposed extension, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 19th day of July, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending Van Corlear place, from Kingsbridge avenue to Broadway, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, at two o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out and extending would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out and extending would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899 ; and,

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899; and,

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out and extending who have appeared, and such proposed laying out and extending was duly considered by this Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Van Corlear place, from Kingsbridge avenue to Broadway, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid place as follows:

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Kingsbridge avenue distant 41.72 feet southeasterly of the intersection of the western line of Kingsbridge avenue with the southern line of Van Corlear place;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the western line of Kingsbridge avenue for 41.72 feet to the southern line of Van Corlear place;

2d. Thence southwesterly along the southern line of Van Corlear place and curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 120 feet radius for 53.10 feet;

3d. Thence northeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 19.3 feet;

Thence easterly on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius curving to the right for 43.78 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Terrace View avenue distant 51.10 feet northwesterly from the intersection of the western line of Terrace View avenue with the western line of Broadway;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the western line of Terrace View avenue for 100 feet;

2d. Thence southwesterly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 200 feet to the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue;

3d. Thence southeasterly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue for 60 feet to an angle point;

4th. Thence southerly still along the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue for 60.95 feet;

5th. Thence northeasterly for 245.98 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at the intersection of the eastern line of Terrace View avenue with the western line of Broadway;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the eastern line of Terrace View avenue for 98.91 feet;

2d. Thence northeasterly, deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 113.71 feet, to the western line of Broadway; thence southerly along said line for 150.71 feet to the point of beginning.

The grade on the west curb line of Terrace View avenue at Van Corlear place to be 24.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; the grade on east curb line of Terrace View avenue at Van Corlear place to be 23.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; the grade on Terrace View avenue, 100 feet northwest of Van Corlear place to be 20 feet above mean high-water datum.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending Van Corlear place, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 23d day of August, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and extending Van Corlear place, from Kingsbridge avenue to Broadway, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid place as follows :

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Kingsbridge avenue distant 41.72 feet southeasterly of the intersection of the western line of Kingsbridge avenue with the southern line of Van Corlear place ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the western line of Kingsbridge avenue for 41.72 feet to the southern line of Van Corlear place ;

2d. Thence southwesterly along the southern line of Van Corlear place and curving to the right on the arc of a circle of 120 feet radius for 53.10 feet ;

3d. Thence northeasterly on a line tangent to the preceding course for 19.3 feet ;

Thence easterly on the arc of a circle of 25 feet radius curving to the right for 43.78 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the western line of Terrace View avenue, distant 51.10 feet northwesterly from the intersection of the western line of Terrace View avenue with the western line of Broadway ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the western line of Terrace View avenue for 100 feet ;

2d. Thence southwesterly, deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 200 feet to the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue ;

3d. Thence southeasterly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue for 60 feet to an angle point ;

4th. Thence southerly still along the eastern line of Kingsbridge avenue for 60.95 feet ;

5th. Thence northeasterly for 245.98 feet to the point of beginning.

, PARCEL "C."

Beginning at the intersection of the eastern line of Terrace View avenue with the western line of Broadway ;

1st. Thence northwesterly along the eastern line of Terrace View avenue for 98.91 feet ;

2d. Thence northeasterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 113.71 feet to the western line of Broadway ; thence southerly along said line for 150.71 feet to the point of beginning.

The grade on the west curb line of Terrace View avenue at Van Corlear place to be 24.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; the grade on east curb line of Terrace View avenue at Van Corlear place to be 23.5 feet above mean high-water datum ; the grade on Terrace View avenue 100 feet northwest of Van Corlear place to be 20 feet above mean high-water datum.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
August 23, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report an application of Mr. Frank J. Nettleton to construct a private sewer through Bement avenue, between the present terminus of the sewer and Forest avenue, a distance of 1,370 feet, in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Department of Sewers, as provided in section 560 of the Charter of New York City, I report as follows :

Bement avenue is in the First Ward, formerly Castleton, Borough of Richmond, and is an improved highway whose grade was permanently established before the greater city came into effect. The applicant states that he is a large holder of real estate on said avenue, and on this point the application could be approved, but there being no general sewerage plan filed, the building of the sewer cannot be authorized according to section 440 of the Charter. I recommend, therefore, that application and contract of sewer in Bement avenue be returned to the Commissioner of Sewers and held in abeyance until such time as plan is filed.

The plan submitted was looked into and found correct. The sewer is to be of the separate system.

I herewith submit a plan of drainage, showing location, size and grade of sewer in Bement avenue, for the approval of the Board and recommend that it be ordered filed.

Contract herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 438, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby approves of the plan of drainage herewith submitted, showing location, size and grades of sewer in Bement avenue, from Forest avenue, extending one thousand three hundred and seventy feet northerly to an existing sewer in the First Ward of the Borough of Richmond.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Richmond and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Comptroller was read, and the matter was laid over for one week :

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
Aug. 16, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements*, Park Row Building :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of the 28th ult. in relation to the assessment for grading and paving Hinsdale street, between Atlantic and Sutter avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, I beg to advise your Board that the total sum of the assessment for said improvement, as confirmed July 23, 1897, is \$20,300, of which the sum of \$4,213.30 has been collected to the 5th inst., as certified to by the Collector of Assessments and Arrears.

Respectfully,

M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters laid over, being assessment work :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements* :

DEAR SIR—As requested by a letter, dated June 2, from the Secretary of the Board, I have the honor to submit the following report on the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that Summit avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-first to East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid where necessary, fences built where required, trees planted on the sidewalks and the roadway paved with telford macadam.

The condition of this street renders necessary the execution of the work provided for in the resolution of the Local Board as early as possible. I therefore recommend that the improvement be authorized. The estimated cost is \$22,500, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$208,900.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Jerome avenue to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary, which resolution was received with a letter dated May 23, 1899, from the Secretary of the Board, I have the honor to report that the improvement provided for in the resolution of the Local Board is necessary.

I hereby recommend that it be authorized at an estimated cost of \$7,250, the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment being \$166,800.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In answer to the letter of June 12 from the Secretary of the Board transmitting, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that Lafayette avenue, from Longwood avenue to the Bronx river, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged for a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, and crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary, I beg to report that the work called for in the resolution of the Local Board is necessary, and I therefore recommend that it be authorized.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$59,000, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$351,400.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Sewers were read, and the matters were laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, August 17, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost of "altering, rebuilding and improving receiving-basins on the northeast and southeast corners of One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Third avenue, and on the northeast and northwest corners of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street and Tinton avenue," together with the assessed valuation of the property to be benefited,

Estimated cost..... \$722 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment..... 214,800 00

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW T. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

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DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, }
NEW YORK, August 17, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost of constructing sewer, and appurtenances in East One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street, between Boston road and Mohegan avenue, and in East One Hundred and Eightieth street, between Boston road and Southern Boulevard, and in East One Hundred and Eighty-first street, between Boston road and Crotona parkway, and in East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, between Boston road and Honeywell avenue, and in Vyse street, between East One Hundred and Eightieth and East One Hundred and Eighty-second street, and in Honeywell avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-seventh and East One Hundred Eighty-second street, together with the assessed valuation of property to be benefitted.

Estimated cost.....	\$76,316 50
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment.....	<u>282,875 00</u>

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and the matters laid over until title vests in the City :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, August 15, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter, dated May 23, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that Pond place, from One Hundred and Ninety-seventh to One Hundred and Ninety-eighth streets, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary, I beg to say that the City has not yet acquired title to Pond place, but as the lines of the street as shown on the final map correspond with the lines of the old street, the improvement might be carried out under chapter 576 of the Laws of 1895. After a hearing on September 29, 1896, pursuant to the chapter quoted, a sewer was constructed on that part of the street between One Hundred and Ninety-seventh street and the Cromwell line ; and for the section between the Cromwell line and Travers street an agreement was procured from the original owner of the property.

I recommend that the work called for in the resolution of the Local Board be authorized, and if it cannot be legally performed under chapter 576 of the Laws of 1895, it can be postponed until title to Pond place is vested in the City.

The estimated cost of the improvement is \$2,600, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$35,850.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 15, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On April 24 the Secretary of the Board forwarded to this Department, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that Hoffman street, from Belmont place to East One Hundred and

Ninety-first street, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary; also that trees be planted on the sidewalks and the roadway paved with telford macadam.

This improvement is necessary and I recommend that it be authorized. The estimated cost of the work is \$23,500, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$173,650.

While title to the street has not yet been acquired by the City, the proceedings for acquiring title have been begun and the making of the contract and prosecution of the work provided for in the resolution can be postponed until title to the street is vested in the City.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was laid over until map is filed :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
August 21, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for a supplementary report a communication from Mr. William Brennan, Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, relative to petition of the Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company, to build sewers in East Twenty-first street to East Twenty-sixth street, Borough of Brooklyn, inclusive, I report as follows :

All provisions of the Charter have been complied with for all sewers to be constructed, with the exception of two cases.

East Twenty-first street and East Twenty-third street, in which cases the filed Sewerage Map Y does not show the same summit between Avenues F and G as the contract plan does.

In my last report on August 3, 1899, I requested that a supplementary sewerage map, showing change of the location of summit of sewer, be filed, but in consideration of the necessity of sewers of the district in question and in view of the assurance of the Chief Engineer of the Borough of Brooklyn that supplementary plans will be filed immediately, I believe relief should be given to applicants, and recommend that the Department of Sewers file, previous to the execution of the contract, a map showing the change of grade of bottom of sewers, and not taking any consideration therein of the proposed change of grade of the affected streets, as both changes can be dealt with separately.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse,

The following communication from the Department of Health was referred to the President of the Borough of The Bronx :

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, NEW YORK, August 16, 1899.

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, *President, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Department of Health, held this day, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the report of the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent of the Borough of The Bronx, in respect to the condition of vacant lots situated southeast corner of St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, be forwarded to the Board of Public Improvements, with the request that for sanitary reasons the Department of Highways be authorized and directed to have said lots fenced.

A true copy,

C. GOLDERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—CITY OF NEW YORK,
No. 1237 FRANKLIN AVENUE, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX,
NEW YORK, August 15, 1899.

CHAS. F. ROBERTS, M. D., *Sanitary Superintendent* :

SIRS—The vacant lots located at southeast corner of St. Ann's avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street were unfenced and used for dumping garbage, refuse, etc.

Anthony McOwen, of No. 515 Wales avenue, is owner. All existing means at the control of this Department for the enforcement of the order have been exhausted. I, therefore, recommend that the Board of Public Improvements be requested to authorize the Department of Highways to have said lots fenced.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) EUGENE MONAGHAN, M. D.,

Assistant Sanitary Superintendent of The Bronx.

A true copy :

S. GOLDERMAN, Secretary pro tem.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that Eighty-seventh street, between Broadway and West End avenue, be repaved with asphalt.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

NEW YORK CITY, August 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 8, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Seventeenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that vacant lots situated at Nos. 537 to 547 West Fifty-third street be fenced.

Adopted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan,

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That it is hereby recommended to the Board of Public Improvements that Delevan street, from Dwight street to Richard street, also Verona street, from Richard street to Van Brunt street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, August 2, 1899, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Adopted by the Council, August 2, 1899, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, August 15, 1899, without his approval or disapproval thereof ; therefore, as provided in section 40 of the New York Charter, the same took effect as if he had approved it.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following communication was received from the Department of Sewers, and the matter was referred to Engineer of Street Openings :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, August 17, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit a map showing amendments to Sewerage District No. 10, E. P., for your approval, and request that they be filed in the office designated by the Charter, and return tracing to this office.

Respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz.:

Resolved, That on report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of the Bronx, dated July 24, 1899, submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements the altering, rebuilding and improving of receiving-basin on the west side of Valentine avenue, about thirty-five (35) feet north of Burnside avenue, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx,

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, last, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of M. Scheringer and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer be constructed in Bathgate avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Wendover avenue ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of George A. Macdonald and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, from Third avenue to Cauldwell avenue, with branch in Eagle avenue, from East One Hundred and Sixty-third street to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on report of the Chief Engineer of Sewers, Borough of The Bronx, dated July 24, 1899, submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements the altering, rebuilding and improving of receiving-basin on the southwest corner of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Trinity avenue ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, CITY OF NEW YORK, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Theo. E. Macy and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from Prospect avenue to Dawson street, and in Hewitt place, from East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street to Longwood avenue ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of John M. Ruhl and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Ninety-fourth street, from Webster avenue to Kingsbridge road, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid, approaches built and fences erected where necessary ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of The Henry Zeltner Brewing Company, submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that asphalt strips be laid on both sides of East One Hundred and Seventieth street, from Webster avenue to Franklin avenue ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Mrs. Anna Fitzgerald and others, submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Brook avenue and Third

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avenue, be repaved with asphalt on concrete foundation ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Edward M. Scudder and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in East One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Suburban place, from Boston road to Crotona Park, East, and in Crotona Park, East, from summit west of Suburban place to summit east of East One Hundred and Seventy-third street ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 375, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Edward M. Scudder and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that proceedings be initiated for acquiring title to East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Crotona Park, East, to the Boston road ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August, 1899 :

Resolved, That, on petition of J. A. Goulden and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the grade of Creston avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-fourth to One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street, be changed so that the trees now standing may

not be disturbed ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Edward M. Scudder and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that proceedings be initiated for acquiring title to Crotona Park, East (Penfold avenue), from Crotona Park, South, to the Boston road ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Edward M. Scudder and others, duly advertised and submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that proceedings be initiated for acquiring title to Suburban place, from Crotona Park, East (Penfold avenue), to Boston road ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that lights be placed in front of the Church of the Living Hope, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Southern Boulevard, Borough of The Bronx ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-second District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-second District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements the laying and extending of gas-mains from the intersection of Newell avenue and Barker avenue along said Barker avenue to Julianna street ; along said Barker avenue from Julianna street to Elizabeth street ; along said Barker avenue, from Elizabeth street to Morris street ; also that lamp-posts be erected, gas lamps placed therein and lighted and maintained ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX—NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of W. F. Morris, dated August 14 last, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a gas-main be laid, lamp-posts erected, gas-lamps placed, lighted and maintained in Spring place, from Third avenue to Boston road, Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-second District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-second District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a gas-main be laid and lamp-posts erected, gas-lamps placed thereon, lighted and maintained in Becker avenue, from the White Plains road to the Railroad Station, Wakefield, Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-second District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-second District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a gas-main be laid, lamp-posts erected, gas-lamps placed thereon, lighted and maintained in Westchester avenue, between White Plains road and Marian street, Wakefield, Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a water-main be laid in East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Jackson avenue and Forest avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of John J. Barry and others, submitted the 16th day of August, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a water-main be laid in East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, between Third avenue and Fulton avenue, Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers to prepare a plan of sewerage for filing :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, August 19, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report a communication from Mr. James Kane, Commissioner of Sewers, recommending that sewers be constructed, and submitting plans for a district of Coney Island in the vicinity of Ocean avenue (Bowery), between Bushman's walk and Steeplechase walk, I report as follows :

The Department of Health has been, and is, making strenuous efforts to put this part of Coney Island in a sanitary condition and prevent the collection of sewage below the surface of the ground. Three hundred orders have been issued and complied with. Orders were issued to fill in with clean earth and ashes. This was done but proved no success. Their effort was futile, the property-owners put to an unnecessary expense, for the same conditions prevail to-day as before.

The remedy for the above-stated evil and to abate this unhealthy condition is to extend the present sewerage system and construct sewers in the streets mentioned.

The proposed sewers of this portion of Coney Island are to be of the separate system, the sewage to flow to the present purification plant which is of sufficient capacity to treat this additional quantity.

No permanent street system has been adopted and, consequently, no sewerage map has been prepared and submitted for this district. In consequence of this, it will be necessary to take recourse to section 559, chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, which vests the privilege in the Department of Sewers to build temporary sewers to abate a nuisance. The conditions of this district are a nuisance and certified to by Mr. R. A. Black, M. D., Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, and, based on section 32 of the Sanitary Code, recommends that sewers be built immediately.

Section 32 of the Sanitary Code reads : That the proper officer and authorities shall, to the extent of their powers and ability, cause, etc., that life and health shall not be needlessly exposed, or suffer, etc., by reason of the defects or deficiencies of any sewers or drainage, or the want thereof.

I recommend, therefore, that the Board of Public Improvements approve the submitted plans and order said temporary sewers to be built.

Attached sketch, showing territory as laid out on the different official maps.

The construction plan and the papers are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following petition was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

BROOKLYN, August 22, 1899.

To the Honorable Board of Public Improvements of the City of New York, No. 346 Broadway, New York City :

GENTLEMEN—In the belief that we are addressing the right Department, we beg to state that Middagh street, in front of our factory, situated on Henry and Middagh streets, Borough of Brooklyn, is in such a fearful condition that we are unable to transact our business.

Under the former administration it was promised that the street would be improved as soon as possible, but so far we have seen nothing done.

As it is of vital importance to us, we would respectfully request your Honorable Board to take the necessary steps so as to have this work done as soon as possible. Should you desire to send an Inspector to examine the condition of the street, we will be pleased to furnish him with whatever information we can. Meantime, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

MASON, AU & MAGENHEIMER CONFECTIONERY MFG. CO.,
Nos. 22 to 28 Henry street, corner Middagh street.

The following communication was referred to the Engineer of Street Openings :

To the Board of Public Improvements, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President :

The petition of the undersigned respectfully show :

That your petitioners are the owners of certain lands within the lines of and abutting upon West One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, east of Amsterdam avenue.

That prior to the year 1890 all the lands east of said Amsterdam avenue to the Harlem river, and north of the present Highbridge park, to Dyckman street, were held in an unimproved state, pending contemplated legislation to acquire these lands for an extension of said Highbridge park.

That by chapter 749 of the Laws of 1894 these lands were laid out for such park and the boundaries of the same in said act were : Tenth avenue, Fort George road, Eleventh avenue, Dyckman street and Harlem river, embracing the premises of your petitioners.

That said last-mentioned act was amended by chapter 876 of the Laws of 1895, and the westerly line of this park was confined to the west side of a proposed public drive, excluding from said park all the lands between said last-mentioned lines and Amsterdam avenue, and pursuant to the provisions of said act, as so amended, proceedings for the acquisition of title to these park lands were taken by The City of New York and are now pending.

That your petitioners' premises are now definitely excluded from this park.

That the Board of Street Opening, on the 26th day of February, 1897, adopted a map or plan showing a new avenue extending from Washington Bridge park at or near One Hundred and Eighty-first street, along the westerly boundary of this park to Amsterdam avenue, at One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street.

That your petitioners are desirous of making necessary improvements upon their lands, but will be prevented from so doing while the legal opening of this street is delayed.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honorable Board will take such action as will relieve the property-owners, whose lands front thereon, from any further delay in opening One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the new avenue east, to perfect a road of access to their lands and assist them in making contemplated improvements.

HYMAN SONN and others.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read, and the matter was laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 22, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On July 28 the Secretary of the Board forwarded to me, for investigation and report, a copy of a communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer, suggesting a slight change in the grades of Creston avenue, between One Hundred and Eighty-fourth and One Hundred and Eighty-ninth streets, Borough of The Bronx, in order to save the shade trees along said avenue from being destroyed.

I have investigated this matter and find that, to obviate the necessity of destroying the trees on that part of Creston avenue, it is necessary to fix the grades as follows :

South curb of East One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street—elevation 112.5 ; 260 feet southerly therefrom, elevation 125.5 ; thence follow a straight grade to a point 170 feet north of the north curb of East One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street at an elevation of 132.0 ; thence to the present established grades at East One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street.

As these grades will save all the trees on the lines of the avenue, and at the same time be in practical harmony with the present surface, thus causing no damage to abutting property, I recommend that they be adopted. A plan showing these proposed grades is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following report from the Department of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, August 23, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communications addressed to your Board by the President of the Borough of Queens, under date of 14th ultimo, and the accompanying resolutions of the Local Board of that borough, calling for the laying of water-mains in Debevoise avenue, between Grand avenue and Broadway, and in Pomeroy street, between Flushing and Potter avenues, I desire to state that, from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that the water-mains are necessary.

The distance for which the mains are to be laid are 2,100 feet on Debevoise avenue, at an estimated cost of \$3,500, with 45 houses to be supplied with water and fire protection ; and 1,400 feet in Pomeroy street, at an estimated cost of \$2,200, with 41 houses requiring water supply and fire protection.

I herewith inclose drafts of a resolution and an ordinance, for adoption by your Board and for presentation in the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the laying of the mains and the issue of bonds for the expense thereof.

Very respectfully,

JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in DeBevoise avenue, between Grand avenue and Broadway, and in Pomeroy street, between Flushing and Potter avenues, both in the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following two forms of ordinance were approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 23d day of August, 1899,

be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz.:

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in DeBevoise avenue, between Grand avenue and Broadway, and in Pomeroy street, between Flushing and Potter avenues, both in the Borough of Queens, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York."

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 169 and 178 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York to an amount not exceeding five thousand seven hundred dollars, to provide for the expense of laying water-mains in DeBevoise avenue, between Grand avenue and Broadway, and in Pomeroy street, between Flushing and Potter avenues, in the Borough of Queens.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Water Supply were read and the matters were laid over for one week :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, August 23, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to request the authorization of your Board for the making of the following contracts by me for works and supplies required in connection with the water service of the Borough of Brooklyn, and payable from the fund derived from receipts of water revenue in that borough :

For erecting an engineer's house at the Gravesend Pumping Station, northeast corner of East Thirteenth street and Avenue V, at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

For furnishing 38,300 tons of semi-bituminous coal, and 22,900 tons of anthracite coal for use at the Pumping Stations, at an estimated cost of \$165,000.

For furnishing shovels, yarn, lead, castings, hydrant-caps, etc., for use in the maintenance and repairs of the system of distributing mains, at an estimated cost of \$3,300.

For furnishing hay, straw, oats, etc., for horses employed in the service of the Department in the maintenance of the distributing system ; estimated cost, \$1,580.

For furnishing shovels, barrows, well-points, drive-well pipe, nails, etc., in the maintenance and repair of driven wells used in the Brooklyn water system ; estimated cost, \$7,900.

For furnishing common brick, firebrick, fireclay, cement and asbestos, to be used in the maintenance of the Brooklyn water system ; estimated cost, \$6,170.

Very respectfully,

JAS. H. HASLIN,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Water Supply.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, August 23, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication addressed to your Board by the President of the Borough of Queens, dated June 10th ultimo, and the resolution of the Local Board of that borough, calling for the laying of water-mains in Summit place, in the Second Ward of that borough, I desire to say that from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that there is no objection to the granting of permission to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay a water-main in Summit place and to place one fire-hydrant thereon.

The distance for which the main is to be laid is 550 feet, and there are 10 houses to be supplied with water and fire protection.

Very respectfully,

JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, August 23, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—At the meeting on the 16th instant, your Board adopted a resolution allowing the extension of water-mains in the Borough of Richmond, under the old contracts made with the private water companies prior to the consolidation of Greater New York.

Under that resolution an application has been presented to this Department for the granting of permission to the Staten Island Water Company to extend its water-mains in Bement avenue, between Castleton and Forest avenues, and in Forest avenue, between Bement and Davis avenues, Borough of Richmond, and from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department I find that the water-mains are necessary, and that three fire-hydrants should be placed thereon for proper fire protection.

I therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution by your Board granting permission for the laying of these mains and the placing of the fire-hydrants.

Very respectfully,

JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

The following communication from the Citizens' Union was read, and the request was granted :

CITIZENS' UNION, HEADQUARTERS, NO. 42 EAST TWENTY-THIRD STREET, }
NEW YORK, August 22, 1899. }

Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—We hereby make application to be heard at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday, August 30, in the matter of the proposed contract between The City of New York and the Ramapo Water Company.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours, respectfully,

THOS. A. FULTON, Secretary.

In connection with the foregoing, the President announced that a hearing would be granted on next Wednesday to anybody who had any facts, figures or information to present regarding the Ramapo Water Company.

The following reports from the Department of Finance were read and placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, August 17, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Replying to the resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, requesting a certificate from me as to whether one-third of the total assessment for grading and paving Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, has been paid, I would state that this is an original assessment, and was confirmed June 14, 1897.

The total amount of said assessment was seven thousand dollars (\$7,000), and I hereby certify that, according to the records of this Department, there has been collected on account of same the sum of two thousand four hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-six cents (\$2,467.26).

Yours respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
August 16, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—Referring to your communication of the 7th instant, in regard to the construction of disposal works in connection with the sewerage system of the former Village of Jamaica, I have to reply to your inquiries as follows :

The original estimate of cost upon which the one-hundred-and-fifty-thousand-dollar bond issue was predicated seems to have included the disposal works, as appears from the resolution of the Board of Sewer Commissioners, passed February 16, 1897.

Nevertheless, the Board of Sewer Commissioners do not seem to have made any provision for a disposal plant in the contract entered into for the construction with James F. Gillen.

The payments to James F. Gillen, together with other disbursements charged against the fund, leave only the sum of \$39,640.53 unexpended at this date.

The unexpended balance is barely more than sufficient to satisfy the claims of Gillen and Caccavajo, and will not suffice if Gillen succeeds in collecting the whole amount he claims in a suit now pending.

From this statement of facts it would appear that there is little or nothing available for the construction of the disposal works referred to in your communication.

Very truly yours,

EDGAR LEVEY, Deputy Comptroller.

The following communication was filed :

THE CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, }
NEW YORK, August 16, 1898. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the matter referred to was considered by the Committee on Law Department of the Council, which was discharged from further consideration thereof, March 21, 1899, and the papers referred to the Corporation Counsel for examination.

Yours respectfully,

P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, By the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Local Board of the Fourteenth District, in the Borough of Manhattan, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein mentioned is hereby authorized, and the Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to proceed forthwith in the execution thereof ; namely,

“Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Fourteenth District, of the Borough of Manhattan, recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that the sidewalk in front of Nos. 312 and 316 East Twenty-third street, be reflagged, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways,” there having been presented to this Board an estimate in writing of the cost of said work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment. The estimated cost of said work is one hundred and eight dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is fifteen thousand dollars ; and it is further

Resolved, by this Board, That, in pursuance of section 422 of the Greater New York Charter, this Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense of said local improvement shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but that the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was read :

NEW YORK CITY, August 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 15, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the recommendation of the Commissioner of Sewers that sewer in Bradhurst avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-second and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, connecting with sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-third street, be constructed.

Adopted.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

I. E. RIDER, Secretary.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, July 31, 1899.

Hon. JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communication of John H. Mooney, Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements, inclosing a resolution from the Board of Local Improvements, requesting

the construction of sewer in Bradhurst avenue, from termination of present sewer in One Hundred and Fifty third street to the southerly side of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, I beg leave to request that a correction be made in the location so as to cover the ground which is necessary to be sewerred, according to our filed plan.

The corner lots on One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street are not involved, because sewer is already ordered to be constructed in that street, which will drain them. I therefore suggest that new resolutions be passed under the title of "Sewer in Bradhurst avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-second and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, connecting with sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-third street."

I forward copy of resolutions for use of Local Board and the Board of Public Improvements, with the legal figures required.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) HORACE LOOMIS, Chief Engineer of Sewers.

Estimated cost of work.....	\$2,700 00
Assessed value of real estate within the probable area of assessment.....	<u>97,500 00</u>

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, that a sewer be constructed in Bradhurst avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-second street and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, connecting with the sewer in One Hundred and Fifty-third street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand seven hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Adjourned.

Attest :

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, August 30, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Comptroller, the Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meeting of August 23, 1899, were amended by striking out the resolution relative to Cauldwell avenue on page 1926.

As amended the minutes were adopted.

The following communications were read and placed on file :

LONDON, August 27, 1899.

To Board of Public Improvements, Park Row, New York :

Being especially interested, request Ramapo matter postponed week.

GROUT.

THE NEW YORK BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS, {
NEW YORK, August 25, 1899. }

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—As the views of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters on the question of the water supply have been misunderstood, I desire to make the following statement :

It is their opinion, as expressed hitherto by their officials, that sufficient provision has not been made to supply adequately the water needs of the different boroughs of New York City. This Board believes that steps should at once be taken to correct this.

All water supply for municipal use should by preference be owned by the municipality, the exception being those caused by financial or legal reasons.

It has been stated by the proper officials of the City that in its present financial condition it is not within its power to contract and own additional works.

As the main supply to the City is now owned by it, but is inadequate, and it is barred from adding to this supply through ownership, it is in our opinion the duty of the authorities to investigate any offers made to furnish an auxiliary supply of water at the border of the city under adequate pressure to be paid for only as delivered, and if after proper expert examination the offer is found to be one favorable to the City to accept such offer, and not to be deterred from doing so because the offer may come from a private corporation.

Some years since, at the solicitation of a large number of merchants of this city and of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, the Legislature authorized the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to contract for such a supply, and at the enactment of the new charter of the present City the power then given the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was transferred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Yours respectfully,

J. MONTGOMERY HARE, President.

SOCIAL REFORM CLUB.

To the President of the Board of Public Improvements, MAURICE F. HOLAHAN :

DEAR SIR—The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Social Reform Club, August 22, 1899 :

Whereas, A plentiful and cheap supply of water is of prime importance to the health and cleanliness of the people ; and

Whereas, Long experience has shown that in our city the system of municipal water supply is preferable to control by private corporations ; and

Whereas, An attempt is now made to undermine our municipal water supply system by granting a wasteful contract to a private concern, which so far exists mainly on paper alone ; and

Whereas, Comptroller Coler has taken a public-spirited stand against this attempt.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Social Reform Club emphatically protests against the proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company, and insists on the maintenance and extension of our municipal system of water supply as most likely to furnish satisfactory and economical service.

Respectfully,

LAURA A. STEEL, Assistant Secretary.

The hearing in the matter of the proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company was then opened, and the Comptroller presented the following reports :

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
August 29, 1899. }

To the Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of this Board, held August 16, 1899, the Commissioner of Water Supply presented a report urging the approval of a contract with the Ramapo Water Company, to supply the City of New York with 200,000,000 gallons of water daily, at the rate of \$70 per million gallons.

The questions involved in the execution of such a contract were of the utmost public importance; for, apart from the enormous expenditure contemplated thereby, about \$200,000,000 during the forty year term of the contract, to resort to a private company for the future needs of the city meant the reversal of a consistent policy of municipal ownership which has for many years governed all the large cities of this country.

When this matter was thus brought to the attention of the Board, a motion was made to defer action for four weeks in order that a reasonable opportunity might be had for investigation and discussion.

This motion was lost by a tie vote.

A similar motion to defer action for three weeks was likewise lost by the same vote. Finally a delay of two weeks was granted to enable the Comptroller to present a report on this supremely important subject.

During the two weeks just elapsed I have endeavored, with the utmost diligence, to obtain all the facts essential to the forming of an intelligent judgment on the proposition pending before the Board. In addition to the regular engineering force of my department I have employed experts of national reputation to examine into not only the present and future needs of the city in respect to its water supply, but also the ability of Ramapo Water Company to supply water from the water-shed alleged to be within its control.

The time allotted has proved altogether inadequate for the purpose. Monstrous as this proposition appears to me, it has been urged seriously, and it is my desire to treat it with all the seriousness due to its overwhelming importance.

To do this involves an examination, which, if conducted with proper care and thoroughness, cannot possibly be completed in any such brief period of time.

To illustrate the difficulties experienced in obtaining the necessary information, I call attention to the following correspondence with the Department of Water Supply, and to the fact that the data therein requested have not yet been furnished :

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
August 19, 1899. }

Hon. WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply :

DEAR SIR—In order that I may have before me all the information possible in regard to the proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company, I respectfully request you to transmit all the data upon which was based your report presented to the Board of Public Improvements at its last meeting on Wednesday the 16th instant.

I also request to be advised of the plans made by your department for utilizing the water delivered by the Ramapo Water Company to The City of New York—i. e., the size and location of the storage reservoirs, aqueducts, pipe lines, principal distributing mains, and other accessories necessary for the distribution of such water, together with your estimates of cost thereof.

In view of the short time allotted to me by the Board of Public Improvements for an examination of this immensely important subject, I respectfully request that you furnish this information at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, NEW YORK, August 21, 1899.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

DEAR SIR—Your favor of the 19th instant, addressed to the Commissioner, requesting all the data upon which the Commissioner's report regarding the Ramapo Water Company was based, is received.

I beg to say that the Commissioner is at present out of town, and your letter will be laid before him immediately upon his return.

Very respectfully,

R. S. DORELL, Secretary.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, {
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, August 21, 1899. }

Hon. JAMES H. HASLIN, Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply :

DEAR SIR—On August 19 I addressed a communication to Hon. William Dalton, Commissioner of Water Supply, requesting certain information in regard to the proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company, now pending before the Board of Public Improvements.

I have just received an acknowledgment of this letter from the Commissioner's Secretary, dated August 21, 1899, in which I am informed that the Commissioner is at present out of town, and that my letter will be laid before him immediately upon his return, the date of which is not stated.

I am loath to make suggestions in regard to the conduct of business by city departments in no way subject to my control, but think it only proper to call your attention to the following facts :

The proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company is by far the largest and most important question now, or perhaps ever brought before officials of The City of New York for action. At the last meeting of the Board of Public Improvements I was denied an opportunity for one month's investigation of this matter, and granted only two weeks for that purpose. This period of two weeks will expire on Wednesday, the 30th instant. Without the information requested from your Department it is impossible for any one to form an intelligent judgment on this matter.

Under these circumstances it would seem desirable, in case it is not desired to disturb the Commissioner in the enjoyment of his vacation, that my request be not pigeonholed until his return, but that the same be either communicated to him at once or that the acting head of your Department should in his absence at once take such steps as may be necessary to furnish the information requested.

Very truly yours,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

P. S. In addition to the information asked for in my letter of the 19th instant, I request to be furnished with maps or descriptions of the property owned or controlled by the Ramapo Water Company in the water-shed from which that company proposes to obtain its supply of water.

B. S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, NEW YORK, August 22, 1899.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your very kind communication of the 22d instant, I beg to say that Mr. Birdsall, Chief Engineer of the Water Supply Department, has furnished Messrs. McLean and Cross, Engineers of your Department, with such information as you requested in your letter of the 22d, addressed to me. In conjunction with that, I have authorized Mr. Birdsall to be as expeditious as possible, giving you all the additional information obtainable.

Hoping this will meet with your approval, I remain,

Respectfully,

JAS. H. HASLIN, Deputy and Acting Commissioner.

None of the foregoing information has been furnished.

The fact that actions brought by taxpayers at present enjoin this Board from approving of this contract may seem to render a request for additional time unnecessary, but I have, nevertheless, thought it proper to advise the Board of the progress thus far made, and of the conclusions to which the partial reports of my Engineers inevitably point. In stating these conclusions, I do not

expect the Board to accept them without due consideration of the data upon which they are based; rather, it is my intention to state that as an attorney would open a case, confident that the evidence to be offered will abundantly sustain the claims hereby made.

Briefly, then, I expect to prove to the satisfaction of this Board :

First—That the supplying of water to large cities by private companies has everywhere throughout the civilized world proved a failure as compared with municipal ownership of the water supply.

Secondly—That the proposed contract with the Ramapo Water Company would result in the City paying an excessive price for water, and that at the end of forty years the City would have absolutely nothing to show for an expenditure of about \$200,000,000, and would gradually become more and more dependent on the mercy of private interests grown enormously powerful by the aid of the municipal treasury.

Thirdly—That if the contract with the Ramapo Water Company were entered into it would still be necessary for the City to expend a very large amount of money to utilize the water thus supplied.

Fourthly—That the Ramapo Water Company could not be ready to supply the water contracted for within the time specified in the contract, and that the bond required from that company is entirely inadequate to protect the City from loss if provision is to be made in the meantime for the distribution of such water in the several boroughs of the City.

Fifthly—That the Charter of the Ramapo Water Company is void or voidable, and that it is not competent to enter into the contract in question.

Sixthly—That the statements as to the future requirements of the City as to water have been grossly exaggerated in the report of the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Seventhly—That the water supply of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx will be sufficient for many years to satisfy the population of those boroughs, and that with proper prevention of waste the Croton water-shed and the adjoining territory can provide a large surplus for the use of the other boroughs.

Eighthly—That the legitimate sources of water supply on Long Island for the Borough of Brooklyn have been by no means exhausted.

Ninthly—That the Board of Public Improvements are not empowered by law to authorize the execution of the contract in question, and that the approval of that Board would not enable the Commissioner of Water Supply to enter into such a contract.

Tenthly—That The City of New York is in a position to expend by the issue of bonds the necessary money to provide for the extension of its water system.

The last point being of a financial rather than of an engineering nature, there is no reason why I should not immediately state my views to the Board.

It has not been claimed that the City would be unable to issue bonds to provide for an extension of its water system ; since, indeed, the Constitution expressly permits the issue of such bonds in excess of the limitation otherwise prescribed for municipal indebtedness. The claim has been made, however, that if the necessary bonds were to be issued for this purpose, the City would be prevented by constitutional provisions from issuing bonds for other highly necessary purposes.

The present debt of the city is within the constitutional limit thereof by more than twenty-two million dollars.

At the next election an amendment to the Constitution is to be voted on which if adopted will add nearly thirty millions of dollars more to the debt incurring capacity of the city. As this amendment has been favored by both the principal political parties of the State, there would seem to be no reason to doubt its passage. Assuming its adoption the City will enter upon the fiscal year 1900 with the power to issue \$50,000,000 of bonds for new liabilities not now contracted for.

In addition to this, the revenues of the Sinking Fund will amount to more than \$13,000,000 in 1900, and will steadily increase after that year. This figure, therefore, represents the amount by which new bonds can be annually issued without any increase of the city's net debt.

In order to judge the ability of the City to enter into any large scheme of public improvement, it is necessary not only to know the estimated cost thereof, but also the period of time within which payments will be required. Both of these elements cannot now be said to be definitely known—no more to the Commissioner of Water Supply, I believe, than to myself. I hope to be able to throw light on this highly important question when the complete reports of my Engineers are presented. In the meantime, however, attention may properly be called to the following facts:

Prior to the construction of the new Croton Aqueduct, with its appurtenant dams and reservoirs, the water supply of the city amounted to 114,000,000 gallons daily.

By the construction of the new Aqueduct that supply has been increased to 265,000,000 gallons daily.

The expenditure required for that purpose has amounted (to August 29, 1899) to \$40,059,581.16, but that expenditure has extended over a period of sixteen years. The average annual issue of bonds has been only \$2,293,823.53, and the largest amount of bonds issued in any one year has been \$4,500,000.

If the present Aqueduct Commission were to proceed to develop other additional sources of water supply, it might be possible to proceed with greater speed than has been displayed in the past; but it cannot be doubted that the prosecution of such a work would necessarily extend over a considerable number of years and that the payments required to be made by the City could be easily met as occasion required.

It seems to me that the ability of the City to proceed along the time-honored and amply justified lines of municipal ownership is the only question involved in this discussion worthy of serious argument; for, if that be granted, the objections to handing the City Treasury over to private interests become absolutely unanswerable.

In the light of the figures herein stated, I think it will be extremely difficult to disprove the City's ability to supply its own water, and in view of the fact that, by common consent, an adequate water supply is a public need entitled to precedence over all other public improvements, it would seem that the burden of proof is on those who deny that the City is able to perform its most important governmental function.

Respectfully,

BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
August 28, 1899.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, Comptroller:

SIR—The Hon. William Dalton, Commissioner of the Department of Water Supply in communication August 9, 1899, to the Board of Public Improvements sets forth:

1st. That the present condition of the water supply imposes on this administration the duty of taking prompt and decisive action to remedy existing deficiencies.

2d. That the full normal capacity of the public water supply of the Borough of Brooklyn is 93,000,000 gallons per day for a population of 1,200,000. That it has so remained for more than five years, while the population and demands have been constantly increasing. About three-fifths of the supply is obtained from flowing streams and from ponds, the other two-fifths, or about 45,000,000 per day, has to be pumped from driven wells. He states that the objections to a water supply, for a great city, from deep wells are too well known to need reiteration. The whole supply has to be pumped to a height of 170 feet into Ridgewood reservoir, and some of it to an additional height of 50 feet into the Mount Prospect reservoir, and 60 feet more into the Mount Prospect Tower, in order to obtain sufficient pressure to deliver water to houses on high grounds.

That, if the Borough of Brooklyn is to be supplied at same rate as boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, 150,000,000 gallons would be required, necessitating an immediate addition of 57,000,000 gallons per day from new sources, and if the undesirable and unreliable supply from driven wells be eliminated, we must obtain 97,000,000 gallons per day for that purpose.

3d. In the Borough of Queens, where the City owns three pumping stations in Long Island City, one at College Point, at Flushing and one at Whitestone, with systems of distributing mains, the conditions are even worse. The entire supply is obtained from deep wells, so close to the shore of East river or Long Island Sound that the pumping has to be carefully limited to prevent the drawing of an admixture of salt water. Some of the wells are in surroundings where there is constant increase in population. The wells and plant are worked to their maximum capacity and yield 3,350,000 gallons per day. That this supply is inadequate for the present population and that it would be profitable to the city and advantageous to the population to increase the supply to five or six millions, with facilities for increasing it.

He proposes 6,000,000 per day and, expecting large increase of population on account of bridges to be built, he estimates the future annual increase at 20 per cent.

4th. He says it is a mistaken idea many people entertain that the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx are not in need of prompt action to increase the water supply and more especially the pressure and elevation at which water can be delivered. The elevation at which it can be delivered is limited to 119 feet above mean tide, and in many localities the elevation of delivery is less.

As early as 1870 it was necessary to resort to steam-pumping machinery, beginning with a small pumping station at High Bridge, with daily capacity of 2,500,000 gallons.

The growth in population and buildings in the high service districts has been such that the capacity of high service supply has been increased to 55,000,000 gallons by the establishment of two additional pumping stations. The demand continues to grow.

In the Borough of the Bronx there is as yet no high service, so that the Department is unable to supply houses on University Heights, Morris Heights, Woodlawn Heights and other elevated sections, giving rise to complaints of unfair treatment, and neglect of the rights of the people for a fair water supply.

5th. He says that in less than five years from now the water supply for Manhattan and the Bronx will be deficient in quantity as well as in pressure, or in elevation of delivery.

The average daily consumption for past six months is 265,000,000 gallons, and during hot days of June and July was 286,000,000 gallons.

The combined capacity of the old and new aqueducts, and the Bronx river conduits, is 400,000,000 gallons per day. Therefore, at the present rate of increase in consumption the limit of the present water system will be in four years or less, and on an increase of ten per cent. per annum it will be reached in less than five years.

He gives the following figures to show the increase required in four and ten years, calculated at 10 per cent. (except for the Borough of Queens, which is 20 per cent.):

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

	Gallons.
Present supply and consumption	93,000,000
Increase required in four years (1903)	43,161,000
Increase required in ten years (1909)	168,218,000

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

	Gallons.
Present supply and consumption	265,000,000
Increase required in four years (1904)	122,986,000
Increase required in ten years (1909)	422,341,000

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

	Gallons.
Present supply 3,350,000 gallons; supply actually needed.	6,000,000
Increase required in four years (at 20 per cent per annum).	11,450,000
Increase required in ten years.	53,000,000
Total increase required in four years.	177,597,000
Total increase required in ten years.	640,559,000

This statement certainly portrays a very dismal state of affairs. In my view, it is exaggerated, in support of which opinion, I present the following figures :

FIRST—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

The present population of the borough is	1,197,000
In 1904, the population, estimated on the basis of increase of 2.86 per cent. per annum, will be	1,378,000
In 1909, the population, estimated on same basis, will be	1,586,931
If the Borough be supplied with water in 1904, at the rate of 100 gallons per capita, the amount required will be	Gallons. 137,800,000
In 1909, at the same rate per capita, the amount required will be	158,693,000
This would give an increase over present supply, 93,000,000, in 1904, of	44,800,000
And in 1909, this increase would be	68,693,000
The increase in 1909, as given by the Commissioner, is	168,218,000
Difference	99,525,000

With the increase for 1909, named by the Commissioner 168,218,000, over the present supply of 93,000,000, there would be a daily supply of. 261,218,000

Such a daily supply to the estimated population of 1,586,931, would be at the rate of 158 gallons per capita.

SECOND—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

The present population is	2,107,426
In 1904 the population, estimated on the basis of 2.86 per cent. increase per annum, will be	2,426,525
In 1909, calculated on same basis, it will be	2,794,117

In 1904, if these boroughs be supplied with water, at the rate of 100 gallons per capita, the amount required will be	Gallons. 242,652,500
In 1909, at the same rate per capita, the amount required will be	279,411,700
At this rate of supply, 100 gallons per capita, the amount required in 1904, will be 22,347,500 gallons per day, less than is now being supplied, the present rate being 125 gallons per capita, and daily supply 265,000,000 gallons. In 1909, at the same rate of supply, 100 gallons per capita, the increase required over present supply of 265,000,000 would be	14,411,700
The Commissioner's estimate of the increase required in four years (1904) viz. 122,986,000 added to the present consumption 265,000,000 would give for the daily supply in 1904.	387,986,000

Which would be at the rate of 160 gallons per capita.

Adding the estimated increased amount given by the Commissioner as necessary in 1909, viz. 422,341,000 gallons to the present supply of 265,000,000 gallons, Gallons.
would give for the estimated amount necessary in 1909. 687,341,000

—which, with the estimated population of 2,794,117, would be at the rate of 245 gallons per capita.

THIRD—BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

The present population of the borough is.....	134,500
In 1904 the population, estimated on the basis of 2.86 per cent. increase per annum, will be.....	154,864
The population in 1909, calculated on the same basis of increase, will be.....	178,312

The Commissioner expects some extraordinary increase when the contemplated bridges shall have been erected, an item too indefinite to be considered here.

The present supply of 3,350,000 gallons per diem, being at the rate of 25 gallons per capita, being considered entirely inadequate, the Commissioner gives, as at present needed, per diem. Gallons.
6,000,000

—which would be at the rate of about 44 gallons per capita.

In 1904, at 100 gallons per capita, the required supply would be, with population of 154,864.	15,846,400
In 1909, at same rate, the required supply would be.....	17,831,200

The Commissioner's estimated increase in four years 11,450,000 gallons, giving a total supply of 17,450,000 gallons, would be at the rate of 114 gallons per capita.

With his estimated increase of 53,000,000 gallons in ten years, the supply would be 59,000,000 gallons per diem, and the rate would be 330 gallons per capita.

SUMMARY.

1st. The Commissioner estimates the total increase required in four years (1904) at.	Gallons. 177,597,000
My estimate to 1904 based on a per capita supply of 100 gallons per diem is as follows :	
For the Borough of Brooklyn.	Gallons. 44,824,400
For the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx.	0,000,000
Present supply is 22,347,500 gallons in excess.	
For the Borough of Queens.	12,136,400
Total	56,960,800
Less the amount the present supply is in excess in the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx.	22,347,500
Total increase	34,613,300
Difference between the Commissioner's estimate and mine.....	142,983,700

2d. In Ten Years. (1909.)

The Commissioner's estimate of total increase in ten years is.	Gallons. 640,559,000
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My estimate of increase to 1909 is :

For the Borough of Brooklyn.	65,693,000
For the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx.....	14,411,700

For the Borough of Queens.....	Gallons. 14,481,200	
Total.....		Gallons. 94,585,900
Difference—Or excess of Commissioner's estimate over mine.....		545,973,100

The above figures establish, beyond dispute, that the alarming statement of the Commissioner that "in less than five years from now the water supply for Manhattan and The Bronx will be deficient in quantity," is not based on reliable data.

The greatly exaggerated amounts come from taking as the basis of calculation for increase 10 per cent. per annum, and for the Borough of Queens 20 per cent. per annum, while the increase of population is only at the rate of 2.86 per cent. per annum.

My calculations are based on a supply of 100 gallons per capita per diem, up to 1909.

The total amount of water required in 1909, based on this rate, and on the estimated population, being in the Borough of Brooklyn	Gallons. 158,693,100
And in the boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx	279,411,700
And in the Borough of Queens.....	17,831,200
Total.....	455,936,000
And the supply from Brooklyn being	93,000,000
And the supply from Manhattan and Bronx.....	400,000,000
And the supply from Queens.	3,350,000
Total.....	496,350,000
There would be an excess of supply over demand in 1909 of.....	40,424,000

In 1915, the population of the Borough of Brooklyn estimated on the rate of 2.86 per cent. increase per annum, will be..... 1,879,477

The supply of water required, calculated at the rate of 75 gallons per capita per diem would be.....	Gallons. 140,961,000
The population of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, estimated on same basis will be.....	3,342,041
The supply of water required at 75 gallons per capita per diem would be.....	250,653,000
The population of the Borough of Queens calculated at same rate of increase will be.....	211,184
The supply of water required at 75 gallons per capita per diem would be.....	15,839,000
Total amount required.....	407,453,000
The present supply given above amounting to.....	496,350,000
Would leave a surplus of.....	88,897,000

Showing that if no provision be made for increasing the water supply before the year 1915, we could still supply for that year, and for some years later, the boroughs of Brooklyn, Manhattan and The Bronx and Queens at the rate of 75 gallons per capita per diem.

It might be well at this time to discuss the matter of waste of water. It is not essential to refer to the present large consumption, amounting to 125 gallons per capita per diem, for the reason that up to this time there has been no necessity for restriction, the supply from the Croton

and the Bronx and Byram river, being greatly in excess of any demand that could be made upon it.

The open waste of water in various ways can be restrained by watchfulness on the part of city officials, but the great and uncontrollable waste, under present conditions, is that which occurs in dwelling-houses. There is absolutely no control over it, and any one recalling the waste he sees in his own home must be aware that it is very great.

The only remedy that has been devised for this waste is the adoption of the meter system, by which the occupant of each house, without being restrained as to quantity, would pay for exactly the amount used, the same as he does for gas or anything else. The exercise of economy on his part would lead to a large saving in the water supply.

At the present time meters can only be placed in certain locations where large quantities of water are used. In the course of time, in my opinion, meters should be required.

In the report of the Aqueduct Commissioners for 1895, in Table No. 13, the average daily flow of the Croton river, from 1870 to 1894, is given as 400,157,703 gallons, the lowest average for any one year being, in 1880, 250,406,275 gallons, and the daily average flow for the dry months, so called, are as follows:

For May	372,648,760
“ June	201,850,700
“ July	147,539,060
“ August	230,780,386
“ September	206,070,152
“ October	344,402,612

To meet the requirements during these dry months and periods of drought the following storage reservoirs have been constructed, or will have been constructed in due time:

1st. Total storage in connection with the old works, including Central Park, Boyd's Corners and Middle Branch Reservoirs.	9,541,000,000
2d. Amawalk (or Muscoot) Reservoir.	7,000,000,000
3d. Double Reservoir "I" in Brewster, East Branch (or Sodom) and Bog Brook Reservoirs.	9,028,000,000
4th. Carmel Reservoir "D".	9,000,000,000
5th. Titicus Reservoir "M".	7,167,000,000
6th. New Croton Dam Reservoir.	32,000,000,000
7th. Jerome Park Reservoir.	1,500,000,000
Total.	75,236,000,000

The last two reservoirs are in course of construction, and their completion may certainly be expected before 1903.

This storage may be, and ought to be, increased, but the amount given above is sufficient to supply 400,000,000 gallons per diem for 188 days, or over six months.

In years of great and continued drought it would be insufficient.

The daily supply received from the Bronx and Byram river systems amounts to about 20,000,000 gallons. The storage reservoirs of this system contain about 3,500,000,000 gallons.

Since the opening of the New Aqueduct water has been supplied ad libitum, for the reason simply that there is an abundant supply, and no occasion has arisen for limiting it in any way. The present rate of 125 gallons per capita is a very large one. I consider 100 gallons per capita per diem a very full allowance.

In the matter of the supply in the Borough of Brooklyn, I cannot do better in this report, the time being so short, than to quote from the report of Hon. Alfred T. White, Commissioner of City Works, City of Brooklyn, dated January 31, 1896. This report was made after an elaborate examination of the subject of "possible sources of future water supply of the City of Brooklyn." He says: "In prefacing these reports it seems proper to say at once that there is no lack of available water supply within reach. The questions relate to cost rather than to quantity. The special problem which the Engineers have undertaken to solve is the determination of several sources from which a minimum additional supply of 100,000,000 can be had."

"There is, fortunately, no need to make in haste a final conclusion on the facts presented, while consideration of plans cannot be postponed long with safety. These studies have been made purposely at a time when present needs are fully supplied and those of the immediate future provided for, so that plans may have calm deliberation, that statements may be weighed, that further facts may be elicited, and that the City may not find itself in some hour of need at the mercy of a combination of capitalists and speculators.

"The present water-shed—whose capacity when fully developed is estimated in Engineer de Varona's report at 114,000,000 gallons—should suffice certainly for six and probably for eight years with a good management and at the present rate of growth of population and of consumption per capita. Of this amount 76,000,000 gallons was realized during 1895, a little over twenty millions more will be had from works under contract for completion this year, and the remainder, say eighteen million gallons daily, will remain for future development as needed. These figures will be increased by whatever additional supply may be secured from deep well sources originating beyond our present water-shed, from which we already have evidence that at least five million gallons may be had.

"The proposed addition of one hundred million gallons from other water-sheds, figured under the same conditions, would suffice for twenty years' growth after the period for which the present shed will serve."

The report does not indicate any necessity for immediate action.

In Table No. 3, accompanying the report, is given an estimate of the cost of the work of bringing a supply of 100,000,000 per diem from the Ten Mile river, amounting to the sum of \$18,682,302—and in Table No. 4 the estimate of the cost of the Ramapo river plan is given, amounting to the sum of \$14,930,206.

Commissioner Dalton says: "In respect to the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx your Board received in June of last year a communication or petition from the New York Board of Fire Underwriters making a most forcible appeal for a larger water supply which can be brought to the city at such elevation, or under such pressure, that it can be delivered through the distributing mains and in houses to the top story of every building, except the very high office and business buildings, without the necessity of pumping, either by the City, at the high-service stations, or by the owners or tenants of buildings."

He also states that prior to 1883, when the plans for the New Croton Aqueduct had been made and its construction assured, a merchants' committee, composed of prominent citizens, appointed at a mass-meeting of business men, petitioned the Legislature for the enactment of a law that would enable the City to obtain by contract a supply of pure and wholesome water from the mountain streams and lakes west of the Hudson river, to supplement the Croton system. He says these eminent citizens evidently foresaw the inadequacy of the Croton, Bronx and Byram river systems would always lack the element of giving sufficient elevation of delivery for the extinguishment of fires and to do away with private pumping in houses.

The petitioners pointed to the mountain region west of the Hudson river as the best, most reliable and most economical source of water supply.

The Commissioner visited the territory, and expresses in the highest terms his satisfaction

with it. The section of the Catskill mountains which was examined embraces the valley of the Esopus creek, the upper waters of the Schoharie creek and the headwaters of the east branch of the Delaware river, and he says it presents the very great advantage of a large number of natural sites for storage reservoirs which can be made available with comparatively small cost for the construction of dams, sluices, etc.

He states that the aggregate area of the water-sheds is over 1400 square miles; that the rainfall is fifteen per cent. greater than in the Croton water shed; the population is not more than ten to the square mile; that the geological and topographical features assure a larger yield than could be obtained for a portable water supply in a less mountainous, more populated and more agricultural territory, such as the Croton water-shed; that all these conditions confirm the estimate that these water-sheds are capable of furnishing ultimately a daily water supply of 900,000,000 gallons of the purest quality which can be obtained anywhere in the State of New York.

The Commissioner then discusses the other sources for an additional supply which have been suggested from time to time—the Ten Mile river, Lake George, Lake Ontario—the Adirondacks, and condemns them all, saying: "The facts again demonstrate the superiority." He then considers the question of cost, and time within which a large addition to the water supply can most speedily be obtained.

As to the question of time, in the event of the undertaking the acquisition of lands and the construction of the dams, reservoirs, tunnels and conduits to convey the water to the distributing mains in the City, he describes with minuteness the processes which would have to be gone through with, and concludes "that under the most favorable circumstances the City could not accomplish the completion of the necessary works of construction and all the other incidental measures in a shorter period than seven years."

As to the question of cost he says: "If the City undertakes the work itself, it must build so that the addition to the water supply shall be secured for a series of years after the completion of the works, which means that it must build reservoirs and conduits of sufficient capacity to guarantee an additional supply of not less than 600,000,000 gallons per day; and must be ready to make bond issues to an amount of not less than \$70,000,000, and possibly \$100,000,000. This great Municipality is confronted with a financial condition which makes such bond issues, for water supply purposes alone, impossible, unless it be done with the exclusion of all other necessary improvements, which are payable from bonds, such as parks, school-houses, bridges, etc."

"These considerations as to cost and time lead me to the presentation of the recommendation which I will now make, and in making it I desire to again emphasize the seriousness of the situation, which makes time precious and prompt action imperative."

He then says it is not necessary that the City commit itself to a bond issue, or that it shall incur any expenditure. That private capital stands ready to construct the works and furnish the water without obligation or cost to the City, except to pay for the water when delivered. That a proposal has been presented by a responsible company to furnish the needed water supply at a pressure due to an elevation of 300 feet or more, if desired, above tide level.

That by act of the Legislature the company is authorized to contract with The City of New York to furnish such a water supply. That the proposal is to deliver to the city at its northern limit not less than 200,000,000 gallons of water per day within five years from the date of the acceptance of the proposal at \$70 per million gallons. That the company has taken all necessary legal steps to secure this water supply and such addition to it as the city will need above 200,000,000 gallons per day, as the water-sheds of the Hudson Highlands and part of the Catskill Mountains can yield. That he is satisfied of the competency and reliability of the company to carry out this proposal and also that under existing conditions it will be advantageous to accept it. That the company is not seeking a municipal franchise.

He then submits "for approval by the Board a contract with the Ramapo Water Company, on the basis of the company's proposal, and approved as to form by the Corporation Counsel."

A condensed statement of the terms of this proposed contract is as follows :

First—The Ramapo company shall furnish, by the gravity system of transmission, water to be taken from the Esopus and its tributary water-sheds, and delivered at the rate of \$70 per million gallon.

Second—No water shall be drawn by the company from any stream or lake the surface of which is less than 420 feet above mean tide level, and all water supplied shall be of greater purity than that from the Croton and Long Island sources of supply, as shown by the official analyses of the Croton and Long Island water for the last year, as compared with a like analysis of the Ramapo water.

TO THE CITY LINE ONLY.

Third—The Ramapo company agrees to furnish at the northern boundary line of the city a daily supply of 200,000,000 gallons of water for forty years, beginning in 1902, subject to the right of the Commissioner of Water Supply "to reduce the quantity of such supply to such number of gallons as to his judgment may be required upon notice thereof to the party of the first part, except as hereinafter otherwise excepted, conditioned and provided."

Fourth—The water company agrees to construct and maintain its works without liability to the city other than the payment of \$70 for each 1,000,000 gallons of water supplied.

Fifth—The City of New York agrees to accept such water as it may require not exceeding 200,000,000 gallons daily, and to pay \$70 for each 1,000,000 gallons.

Sixth—The City of New York authorizes the company to act as its agent and representative in doing whatever may be necessary in fulfilling its contract, providing that the City shall not be liable for any expenditure in connection therewith.

Seventh—It is agreed that the City shall accept such amount of water as the company may be able to supply before the close of 1902 when the full supply shall be available.

PROVISIONS FOR DELAY.

Eighth—The water company may delay the delivery of the full supply during any period that its work may be delayed by injunctions, strikes or other causes not within its power to overcome.

Ninth—Failure to deliver water because of accident after the commencement of delivery shall not invalidate the contract, and if the company, by reason of accident, cannot deliver 200,000,000 gallons daily, the City shall pay only for the amount delivered.

Tenth—It is agreed that the contract may be modified, altered or amended hereafter in such manner as the parties may deem to be necessary or desirable.

Eleventh—The water company agrees that its employees shall not be required to work more than eight hours a day, except in cases of sudden emergency, and that they shall receive the legal rate of wages.

Referring to the figures which I have presented in this report, it appears that

In 1904 the consumption of water in the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, estimated at the rate of 100 gallons per capita, per diem, to a population estimated at an increase of 2.86 per cent. per annum,

will be.....	Gallons.
and the supply will be.....	395,963,000
	496,350,000

making the excess of supply over demand.....	100,387,000
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	Gallons.
In 1909, the consumption in the same boroughs will be, per diem.....	455,936,000
While the supply will be.....	496,350,000
Making the excess of supply over demand.....	40,414,000
From the figures I have given it also appears that in 1915 the consumption in the same boroughs, calculated at the rate of 75 gallons per capita, per diem, will be.....	407,453,000
While the supply will be.....	496,350,000
Making an excess of supply over demand of	88,897,000

There is, therefore, no question of sufficiency of supply in 1904, or 1909; nor that a lower and fair rate of supply could be furnished in 1915, and, consequently, there is no need of excessive haste in this important matter.

As to the proposed contract, I think it should be opposed for the following reasons:

1. That the city does not stand in need at present of any additional water supply, and will not require such additional supply for some years to come.

2. That it is essential for good administration of the water supply system that the City should have absolute ownership and control of all the property, works and appurtenances connected with such system.

3. That there is sufficient time in which the City may, through the prescribed channels, in conformity with the law, acquire the property and rights necessary for obtaining water from any water-shed or sheds, which, after full and proper investigation, shall be selected.

4. That the Ramapo Water Company is not engaged in the "business of supplying or selling water," but only in making arrangements for doing so when promise of custom can be secured.

5th. That from an actual examination of the water-sheds proposed, and the plans of the company, made by Mr. George I. Rice, Consulting Engineer, it appears that the Esopus river is a mountain stream, with excessive flows in times of heavy rains, but small regular flow—necessitating extensive reservoirs—and that the reservoirs provided would not exceed in capacity over 12,000,000,000 of gallons, sufficient for a daily supply of 200,000,000 for only 60 days in a dry time—and that therefore the supply of 200,000,000 per diem could not be furnished.

6th. That the contract, extending over 40 years, prescribes no manner of measurement of the water to be delivered.

7th. That The City of New York agrees to authorize the said water company to act as the agent and representative of the City, so far as it may lawfully do so, in doing whatever may be necessary for the fulfillment of the contract. Such an authorization to a contractor I consider extremely injudicious.

Respectfully,

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RELATING TO NEW YORK WATER SUPPLY.

To the Hon. BIRD S. COLER, *Comptroller of The City of New York*:

SIR—I have the honor to submit the results of the examinations I have made under your instructions of August 17, with reference to the present condition of the New York City

Water Supply and the measures necessary to ensure the continuance of a sufficient supply to the city, with especial reference to the recommendation made by the Hon. William Dalton, Commissioner of Water Supply, that a contract be made with the Ramapo Water Company to furnish water to the city.

THE SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

The boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx are supplied with surface water from the Croton, Bronx and Byram rivers. The boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens are supplied from surface and underground waters on Long Island.

The yield of the Bronx and Byram rivers is about 15,000,000 gallons a day. With the existing provisions for storage, this amount can be depended on from those streams. The present consumption of water in the Manhattan and Bronx boroughs being about 265,000,000 gallons a day, there is needed from the Croton river an average supply of 250,000,000 gallons a day or 7,600,000,000 gallons a month.

The flow of the Croton river, as shown by the following statement furnished me by the Chief Engineer of the Aqueduct Commission, has varied, during the last eight and a half years, between 540,000,000 gallons and 46,380,000,000 gallons a month. These excessive fluctuations make it necessary to store the water of periods of large flow for use during periods of small flow.

TABLE I.
The Monthly Yield of the Croton River in Millions of Gallons.

MONTH.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
January.....	40,171	29,750	9,354	10,408	20,059	12,100	11,841	22,183	24,250
February.....	33,665	9,015	19,210	12,610	6,113	25,426	14,789	28,767	17,067
March.....	25,684	12,307	42,309	30,626	22,704	46,380	20,805	19,456	44,411
April.....	17,007	8,332	20,940	14,345	24,755	17,889	14,526	13,004	24,044
May.....	5,236	9,496	35,582	11,015	7,820	5,110	15,904	29,884	6,890
June.....	3,682	6,745	5,643	8,685	2,835	5,666	8,745	10,940	2,942
July.....	2,343	4,120	2,368	2,664	2,558	5,020	16,934	3,983	6,886
August.....	1,847	5,264	4,239	4,192	3,654	4,479	17,915	16,634	
September.....	2,203	3,002	3,103	3,354	540	3,842	5,712	5,764	
October.....	2,394	969	6,863	4,410	2,356	5,160	3,297	5,799	
November.....	3,782	9,274	12,210	19,809	4,843	10,185	8,196	14,280	
December.....	9,611	8,664	24,185	15,083	7,653	7,924	16,512	21,810	

The storage reservoirs which have been constructed and are now available for use contain 41,736 millions of gallons.

On inspection of the table of flow, it appears that in 1891 there was a period of seven months, from May to November, during which the aggregate flow of the river amounted to 21,497 million gallons. At the present rate of consumption, there would be used during that period 53,200 million gallons. That is, 31,703 million gallons of stored water would be drawn, and there would still be about 10,000 million gallons left in storage.

Again, in a season like that of 1895, the flow for eight months aggregated 32,309 million gallons. The consumption at present rates would be 60,800 million gallons, requiring a draught of 28,491 million gallons of stored water, leaving 13,245 million gallons in storage.

It may be assumed, therefore, that at the present rate of consumption the margin of safety on the storage capacity is from one to two months, provided that no season drier than that of 1891 occurs.

But the rate of consumption is not stationary. Since 1892 it has been steadily increasing at the rate of 7.5 per cent. per annum. At this rate of increase it will amount to 307 million gallons a day in 1901, and the draught from the Croton river will be 292 million gallons a day, or 62,488 million gallons in seven months, requiring 40,991 million gallons of stored water to be drawn, thus practically exhausting the supply, in such a year as 1891. There is here not only no margin of safety, but a distinct element of danger, because there may well be expected at some time a drier season than that of 1891. In fact, such dry seasons occur about every ten years, so that it may be confidently asserted that there is a probability, amounting almost to a certainty, that before the storage reservoir created by the new Croton Dam can be completed, there will occur a deficiency in the supply of water to the Manhattan and Bronx boroughs, if the present rates of consumption are continued.

When the new Croton Dam and the Jerome Park Reservoir are completed, which will probably be in 1902, there will be a storage capacity of 75,236 million gallons, which will ensure a capacity of daily supply of about 290 million gallons a day, but more than that amount cannot be depended upon from the Croton watershed without the construction of additional storage reservoirs, and but little more even with them, so that if the consumption is permitted to increase as it has for the last eight years, an additional supply will be needed immediately following the completion of the works now in course of construction.

The present consumption in the Borough of Brooklyn is about 94 million gallons a day. During the last six years the annual increase in consumption has been at the rate of 6.1 per cent. per year. It is conceded that the present sources of supply are utilized to very near their limit and that an additional supply is needed as soon as it can be procured.

The officials in charge of the water supply of New York City and Brooklyn have not been unmindful of these facts. The Aqueduct Commissioners of New York have endeavored without avail to have authority granted to them to make examinations of sources of supply outside of the Croton watershed, and the late Commissioner of Water Supply in Brooklyn had, in 1896, examinations made as to the feasibility of supplying more water to Brooklyn both from Long Island and from the Ten Mile river, a tributary of the Housatonic lying north of the Croton watershed. The practicability of procuring a supply of at least 100 million gallons a day from the Ten Mile river and conducting it either direct to Brooklyn or discharging it into the storage reservoirs in the Croton watershed was clearly established. The cost of the latter plan I estimate from data furnished by the Engineer's report to be about \$7,000,000. It was also shown that an additional supply of 100 million gallons a day for Brooklyn could be procured from Long Island for about \$24,500,000.

These reports and the plans and estimates accompanying them are on file in the Bureau of Water Supply.

It is now recommended by the Commissioner of Water Supply that a contract be entered into with a private corporation to furnish a supply of 200 million gallons a day for forty years, from the watershed of Esopus creek, eighty-one miles distant from New York, at a stipulated price per million gallons. No plans or specifications of the work accompany the form of contract recommended.

THE SUGGESTED PLAN FOR RELIEF.

In considering the suggested plans for relief of the present condition of affairs, the first thing to be examined is the time needed to introduce a new supply.

The Ten Mile River plan for furnishing 100 million gallons a day to the Croton watershed will involve the building of two reservoir dams and the construction of about twelve miles of tunnel. This could be accomplished in three years.

The Ramapo Water Company's plan for introducing 200 million gallons a day at the northern line of the city will, according to the statement of the company's Chief Engineer, involve the building of at least 15 reservoir dams and the laying of two lines of steel pipe 8 feet 3 inches in diameter and 81 miles long, including a crossing of the Hudson river near Peekskill, where there is 85 feet of water. This pipe would require about 416,000 tons of steel plate of an average thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. For crossing the Hudson river a tunnel about 4,500 feet long under the river bed through material of an unknown character is proposed. The proposal of the Ramapo Water Company, as stated by the Commissioner of Water Supply in his communication to the Board of Public Improvements, is to complete the work in five years from the signing of the contract. No copy of this proposal has been made public. In the form of contract submitted, it is stated that the water shall be furnished by the _____ day of _____ 1902.

There is a discrepancy between the Commissioner's statement and the form of contract.

It would be impossible to complete the work by 1902. It may be possible to introduce the water in five years after the beginning of the work of construction provided that the progress of the work is not interfered with by "any injunction or legal proceeding or by strikes of workmen," which, under the terms of the contract, operate to defer the time for the delivery of the water "at the option of the company." Moreover, the Water Company is not, in my opinion, prepared to enter on the work of construction at once. No definite plans have been prepared or specifications drawn for any parts or items of the work. The exact location and height of none of the dams have been determined, and, so far as I can learn, no test pits, borings, or soundings have been made anywhere.

A large amount of surveying has been done and numerous land maps filed in the County Clerk's office showing lands which may be required to be taken. Little engineering work has been done, so far as I can ascertain from the verbal statements of the company's Chief Engineer, and no plans, specifications or descriptions of the several parts of the work are on file in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, or have been shown to me at the company's office.

Under the most favorable conditions, a year's work of engineering study is requisite to put the work of construction in position to be begun.

To furnish a portion of the 200 million gallons a day supplied, to Brooklyn, there would have to be constructed by the City, in addition to the company's work, fifteen miles of conduit pipe from the northern boundary of New York City to Brooklyn, including the crossing of the East river.

I am of the opinion that it would take twice as long to introduce the water from Esopus creek as to procure a supply from the Ten Mile river, and that the Brooklyn and Queens supply could be procured from Long Island in at least as short a time as it can from Esopus creek.

The next question to be considered is the relative cost of the projects.

As before stated, I have made an estimate of the cost of introducing a supply of 100,000,000 gallons a day into the Croton water-shed from Ten Mile river, based upon data obtained from the report of W. E. Worthen, C. E., of January 24, 1896. I consider \$7,000,000 a liberal estimate of the cost of this work. The annual interest on City bonds for this sum at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. would be \$245,000.

The annual charge of 100 million gallons a day, or 36,500 million gallons a year, under the contract with the Ramapo Water Company recommended by the Commissioner of Water Supply would be \$2,555,000.

For 100 million gallons a day supplied to Brooklyn from Long Island, on the plan recommended by Mr. I. M. de Varona, in his report of January 27, 1896, the cost of the work being \$24,500,000, the annual interest on City bonds would be \$857,500, and the annual cost of operation of pumping stations \$313,516, a total of \$1,171,016.

The annual cost of 100 million gallons a day supplied by the Ramapo Water Company under the proposed contract at the northern limit of the city would be \$2,555,000. To this must be added the interest on the cost of a pipe conduit from the northern line of the city to Brooklyn (at a cost of \$1,500,000), \$52,500, making a total annual cost of the 100 million gallons \$2,607,500.

It would appear, therefore, that the annual charges for 200 million gallons a day additional supply would be :

If furnished by the Ramapo Water Company, \$5,162,500.

If furnished by works built by the City, \$1,416,016.

The cost, therefore, to the City of taking water from the Ramapo Water Company would be about three and a half times as great as the cost of the same amount of water from works constructed by the City in less time.

HEAD OF WATER.

It has been urged that the new additional supply of water should be furnished at an elevation of 300 feet above tide level so as to give greater pressure in the mains over the whole city and enable the high service districts to be supplied without pumping.

It would not be possible to supply the same districts in the city with water from both sources, the present and the new. If the water furnished under the additional head were used to increase the head in the low-lying districts, the high service districts would still have to be supplied by pumping as at present. If the high pressure supply were used for supplying the high service districts there would have to be three separate districts of distribution—the high service district using 60,000,000 gallons a day, the Croton supply district using 290,000,000 gallons a day, and the intermediate district using 140,000,000 gallons a day of the new high service water supply.

It would undoubtedly be an advantage to portions of the city to have a greater pressure in the mains than can now be maintained. Whether it is possible to put the greater pressure on the pipes in the lower part of the city below Forty-second street is very doubtful. The quantity of water drawn through the pipes at the present time is so great and out of proportion to the number of consumers and is moreover increasing so rapidly and out of proportion to the increase of population that it cannot be attributed to any other cause than defects in the distribution system.

Any system of pipe distribution is subject to deterioration. The rate of this deterioration per annum is very light during the first twenty or thirty years of the life of the pipes, but after that period increases in a rapidly increasing ratio. Cracks will occur in pipes, pipes will become corroded until small orifices occur through which water escapes, and joints will leak from settlement or other causes, producing a large discharge of water into the ground, but not sufficient to show at the surface unless a break actually occurs. This underground leakage, which is not visible at the surface, takes a large amount of water out of the pipes and causes an apparent increase in consumption, which is really nothing but an increase of waste due to the natural progress of the deterioration of the pipes. This view of the matter is in accordance with the experience of all large cities, and in this instance is sustained by the consideration of the facts as they exist in New York and Brooklyn now. The main portion of the New York distribution system below Forty-second street is now fifty-seven years old. The increase of population of the city is at the rate of 2.7 per cent. per annum. The increase of consumption of water is at the rate of 7.5 per cent. per annum, or 4.8 per cent. greater than the increase of population. The water-works of Brooklyn are forty years old. The rate of increase of population is 3.6 per cent. per annum and the rate of increase of consumption of water is 6.1 per cent. per annum, a difference of 2.5 per cent. per annum. This indicates that the rate of increase of consumption increases with the life of the pipe system. The actual consumption of water in New York City at this time is nearly double what is required for all legitimate purposes, and reasoning from analogy and from the

experience of other cities, this excess of consumption is due mainly to the deteriorated condition of the older portions of the distribution system. To increase the head of water on this deteriorated and leaky distribution service would increase the waste and hasten the deterioration.

The remedy for this condition of affairs is to be found in the systematic inspection and repairing of the distribution system, particularly in the lower part of the city, and there is no reason to doubt that such an inspection systematically and scientifically undertaken would result in a very great diminution of the waste and consequently an apparent increase in the amount of water supplied to the City.

In making provision for an increased supply, the first step, therefore, is to stop the flow of water into the ground from the pipes, which would have a more certain and durable effect than the impounding of additional water above the Croton Dam.

THE CONTRACT WITH THE RAMAPO WATER COMPANY.

It is proper that I should call your attention to some of the provisions in the contract recommended for execution by the Commissioner of the Water Supply.

The Water Company is to furnish water from the Esopus creek and its tributary and connecting water-sheds. A general map drawn on a small scale, which was furnished me by the Chief Engineer of the Ramapo Water Company, indicates as the sources of supply, the water-shed of Esopus creek, of about 300 square miles area, with six storage reservoirs, and the water-shed of Catskill creek, of about 300 square miles area, with four storage reservoirs. The Chief Engineer of the Water Company stated to me orally that it was proposed to construct fifteen storage reservoirs in the Esopus water-shed. The limited time within which it was necessary to make this report precluded the possibility of my making a personal inspection of the proposed water-sheds. Such inspection was deputed to Mr. George S. Rice, whose report you have and from which it appears that the number and character of the storage reservoirs possible to be constructed in the Esopus water-shed has been largely overestimated by the company, so far as can be ascertained at this time. The area of water-shed tributary to the point of intake for the pipe-line to the city is apparently much less than is represented by the company. The character of the water-shed of the Esopus creek is such that a very large storage capacity will be needed to utilize the mean run-off. It is rocky and precipitous, and the rain water runs off very rapidly. There can be very little underground storage, producing a large average flow in the streams, and to collect the rain water for gradual distribution, as the source of water supply, the storage reservoirs must be very large, and, moreover, the dams must have long spillways, involving a large amount of masonry construction.

Of several reservoir sites examined, only one, that at Olive Bridge, has a rocky foundation visible in the bed of the stream. The depth to which the foundations of the other dams would have to be carried is unknown.

The eighth paragraph of the contract, relating to the deferring of the time for the delivery of water at New York, at the option of the Water Company, for a period equal to the time that the Water Company may be interfered with in the construction of the works, by legal proceedings, has been already referred to in this report. It practically places the time of delivery of the water at the will of the company.

Section 10 of the form of contract provides that "This contract may be modified, altered or amended hereafter, in such manner as the parties may deem necessary or desirable." This, practically, annuls the whole contract. No provision is made anywhere in the contract for inspection or supervision of the plans, the character of the materials used, the mode of execution of the work or the preservation of the purity of the water, by The City of New York during the whole time of the contract.

With reference to the character of water to be supplied, the only provision is in the second clause of the contract, that such water shall be of greater purity than the water now supplied to

The City of New York, as shown by the average of the analyses of such water, made during the past year, as compared with the average of a year's analyses of the water to be furnished. The water might be seriously polluted for a month at a time, but if the average of the year's analyses showed well, there would be no redress for the City.

At the end of forty years, the City's use of and interest in the supply would cease, unless the Water Company chose to renew the contract.

If there were no other objectionable features in the project, these, I think, show that it would be contrary to public policy to execute it.

CONCLUSIONS.

The time allowed for the investigation of this subject has been too brief to permit of as thorough a study of the subject as should be made, but from such examinations as have been made, I am of the opinion that the first step toward the increase of the supply of water available for use by the citizens of New York and Brooklyn should be a systematic investigation into the sources of waste, and repression of such waste, which, judging from the experience of other cities, would result in an increase of from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 gallons a day available for use at once. Second, the authority should be conferred upon the officials in charge of the city water supply to investigate other sources of supply than the Croton river, and to proceed with the construction of works which would furnish within the next six or seven years an additional supply of at least 200,000,000 gallons a day, and probably an equal amount within the next ten years should be provided for.

Any such works should be controlled, owned and constructed by The City of New York and not by private corporations, over which the City has no control.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. R. CROES, Consulting Engineer.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., August 29, 1899.

Hon. BIRD S. COLER, *Comptroller* :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with your request I have examined the Esopus creek in Ulster County, N. Y., as a source of water supply by the Ramapo Water Company for The City of New York and recommended in a communication made by Hon. William Dalton, Commissioner of Water Supply, dated August 9, 1899.

The Ramapo Water Company has placed on file in Ulster County sixteen locations for storage basins, situated on Rondout and Esopus creeks and their tributaries. The maps of these reservoirs have been filed and in almost all cases the dams have been located and the flow-lines of the reservoirs shown on the plans. These reservoirs are named as follows: Glenerie, Katrine, High Falls, Napanoch, Sandburg, Beer Kill, Palen, Vernooy, Atwood, Olive, Boiceville, Cold Brook, Phoenicia, Shandaken, Big Indian and Lake Hill.

The first nine of these reservoirs are so situated that they cannot be used in this scheme for storage purposes on account of the locality in which they are situated or the low altitude, which is insufficient to obtain an elevation of 300 feet above tide at the New York City line, such being the elevation mentioned in the report of the Commissioner of Water Supply.

The Olive Reservoir is situated on Esopus creek and lies below the Village of Shokan in the Town of Olive. The dam is located a short distance above Olive Bridge, and the flow-line has an elevation of five hundred (500) feet above the level of tide-water; the dam at this place is proposed to be about five hundred (500) feet long, and the foundation would probably be on rock in all its parts, as the ledge croppings show on both sides of the river and in its bed.

This dam has a drainage area of something less than three hundred (300) square miles and of necessity would be built of masonry, as the overflow must be nearly the full length of the dam in

order that it may take care of the heavy rainfalls. This reservoir would flood the country at about the same elevation as the railroad bridge at Broadhead Station, where the rails are about twenty-one (21) feet above the bottom of the stream and would impound an amount less than two thousand million gallons of water. The height of the flow-line is practically limited by the Village of Shokan, which lies directly above the reservoir, and if any greater depth should be added to the reservoir it would create a large amount of shallow flowage and at the same time destroy the village for residential purposes. This reservoir is about two miles long and varies in width from five hundred (500) to twenty-one hundred (2,100) feet.

The next reservoir, as proposed, is located a little more than half a mile below the Boiceville Station on the Ulster and Delaware Railroad. The dam would be about fourteen hundred (1,400) feet long and have an elevation of flow-line of about six hundred and fifty (650) feet above tide.

Earth and boulders show on the two sides of the valley, and the bed of the river shows sand, gravel and boulders.

This reservoir is about two (2) miles long, having its storage capacity principally in the lower mile of length, the upper mile being confined to a large extent to the river section and not flooding the railroad as it does on the lower portion. The capacity of this reservoir is less than two thousand and seventy-five millions of gallons.

The next reservoir, which immediately adjoins the Boiceville Reservoir, is the Cold Brook Reservoir.

Its proposed dam is at the Cold Brook Station, and advantage has been taken of the drawing together of the valley at this place to locate the dam. The material both of the sides of the valley and in the bed of the river shows gravel and boulders. The elevation of the flow-line of this reservoir has been taken at an elevation of six hundred and ninety-five (695) feet above tide-water. This is the most extensive reservoir in the main valley and is nearly three (3) miles long. It has a varying width of from twenty-five hundred (2,500) to twelve hundred (1,200) feet, and its capacity somewhat diminishes, owing to a sudden rise in the creek, at a distance of about half a mile to the north of the dam where some rapids are located. This reservoir has a capacity of less than three thousand millions of gallons storage.

The next reservoir, as proposed, is located some distance above the railroad station at Phœnicia. The dam would be about nine hundred (900) feet in length with a reservoir about two (2) miles long. The flow-line has been taken at about elevation 950 above tide-water.

Immediately above the Phœnicia Reservoir is located the Shandaken Reservoir. This is about two miles long, having a dam about eight hundred (800) feet in length, with a flow-line of 1,040 above tide-water.

The next reservoir is situated about two miles above the upper part of the Shandaken Reservoir and is called the Big Indian Reservoir. It is over a mile long and has a dam of about one thousand (1,000) feet in length, with a flow-line elevation of something over 1,200 feet above tide level.

The last two reservoir areas have been located by means of the maps, but the sites of the dams have been omitted on the plans. The plans show, however, that the last three reservoir dams must of necessity have considerable height, as the valley is quite steep in this particular section of the country. The villages located at Phœnicia, Allaben, Shandaken and Big Indian are composed to a large extent of summer boarding places and would be obliterated by these three reservoirs if built, as the flow-lines interfere with almost all the buildings situated in this part of the valley.

These three reservoirs, as proposed, in the upper part of the Esopus creek have a storing capacity of less than four thousand millions of gallons.

The Lake Hill Reservoir, as proposed, is located on Little Shandaken creek, being one of the tributaries of the Esopus, and flows into this creek at Mount Pleasant, near the upper portion of

the Cold Brook Reservoir. This reservoir has a flowage area of less than four hundred (400) acres, and has an elevation of about 1,060 feet above the tide level.

It is three hundred and sixty (360) feet above the valley and about three miles distant from Mount Pleasant, and has a limited drainage area and would not have much value for storage purposes on that account.

Taking these seven available reservoirs as located by the filed plans of the Ramapo Water Company, there is a total capacity for storage of less than twelve thousand millions gallons.

The valley of Esopus creek falls from the proposed reservoir at Big Indian to the surface of the reservoir at Olive Bridge, about seven hundred (700) feet in a distance of twenty (20) miles, being an average fall of about thirty-five (35) feet per mile. The valley is not particularly well adapted on this account for reservoir purposes, the flow of water at the present time being so small that at almost every part of these twenty miles it is possible to wade the stream with ease, and in most cases to cross without wetting one's feet. The stream is evidently what is called a "flashy" stream, being liable to a sudden rise on a fall of rain, and on that account requires a large amount of storage capacity to use it for water supply purposes.

The neighboring country is wooded in all its parts, except in the valleys, where the bottom land is used for farming purposes, the sides of the valleys being steep, which accounts for the rapid discharge of water in times of heavy rainfall. On this account it would not be advisable to build the dams of anything except masonry or earth with good-sized masonry cores, and it would be necessary in all cases to have a large overflow so that floods could be taken care of without danger to the structures and to those living in the valleys below.

From the foregoing statements relating to the storage capacity of the Esopus creek, as proposed by the filed plans of the Ramapo Water Company, in this valley, it can be stated that twelve billions (12,000,000,000) of gallons of stored water is manifestly insufficient for a supply of two hundred millions (200,000,000) of gallons per day for New York City. This amount would not, at a daily consumption of 200 millions gallons, give much more than two months' supply at a dry time, and such dry times are often liable to happen. When such times happen, water is the most needed.

Commissioner of Water Supply, William Dalton, in referring to the Cold Brook Reservoir, in his report states that the reservoir at an elevation of six hundred and seventy-five (675) feet would contain fifteen billions of gallons of water. By the plans of the Ramapo Water Company, this reservoir would contain less than three billions of gallons. He also says: "The Olive Reservoir site can be made to impound seven billions gallons." By the filed plans of the Ramapo Water Company this reservoir will contain less than two billions of gallons of water.

It would not be possible for the Ramapo Water Company to properly and economically construct the works as proposed on the Esopus creek with the connecting conduits in The City of New York's northern line inside of three or even five years.

The reconnaissance necessary to ascertain the material for the foundations of the several dams, would take several months, and the designing of the work preparatory to construction would take a year at least.

The least amount of time which should be allowed for the building of these works before the water could be used by New York City would be more than five years under the best of conditions

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE S. RICE, Consulting Engineer.

The Hon. Wheeler H. Peckham, Mr. Simon Sterne and Mr. Fulton, in behalf of the Citizens' Union and the City Club, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Bridges spoke in opposition to the contract, and the President of the Board and Mr. Barton, representing the New York Board of Fire Underwriters, in favor thereof.

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The following resolution, presented by the Commissioner of Bridges, was then adopted :

Whereas, Section 472 of the Greater New York Charter confers authority upon the Commissioner of Water Supply, with the approval of the Board of Public Improvements, to select and to determine all sources of water supply throughout the State that may be needed for the supply and distribution of water in The City of New York ; and

Whereas, Said section further provides for the acquisition by condemnation of any real estate or interest therein that may be necessary in order to acquire the sole and exclusive property in such source or sources of water supply, and to extinguish the water rights of any person or corporation therein ; and

Whereas, The expressed principles of the present administration when seeking the suffrage of the people of this city was that the municipality should own and control all public utilities therein ;

Resolved, That it is not in the public interest, nor for the public weal, neither is it necessary, that the City should contract with a private corporation for its supply of water ; that upon the expiration of the term of the existing contracts for such purpose proceedings should be taken to acquire the rights of the persons or corporations holding or owning any such rights, to the end that the municipality shall own its water system exclusively.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers and Commissioner of Bridges—5.

Negative—Commissioner of Water Supply and President of the Board—2.

The President of the Borough of The Bronx claimed the privilege of voting, but the President ruled that, under the Charter, as the question was a general one, not affecting any one particular borough, no borough President had the privilege of voting.

The President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Borough of Queens then requested to be recorded as desiring to vote in the affirmative, if they had the right to vote.

Adjourned.

Attest :

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, September 6, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Commissioner of Water Supply, the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning (Deputy Commissioner Gibson), the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens, the President of the Borough of Richmond and the President of the Board.

At the request of a number of property-owners, the matter of the laying out and extending of Van Corlear place, resolution for which was adopted August 23 (Minutes, pages 1926, 1927), was set down for a further hearing on September 20.

The matter of the proposed widening of Cauldwell avenue was adjourned for one week.

In the matter of the approach to the bridge over the Harlem river at Third avenue, which was laid over at the meeting of August 23, 1899, nobody appearing in opposition, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 19th day of July, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and locating an approach to the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, south of the Southern Boulevard, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 16th day of August, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out and locating would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out and locating would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 16th day of August, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out and locating who have appeared, and such proposed laying out and locating was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and locating an approach to the Third Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, south of the Southern Boulevard, between Lincoln avenue and Third avenue, including land for public purposes, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and locate an approach to the aforesaid bridge as follows :

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the southern line of the Southern Boulevard with the western line of Lincoln avenue, running thence southwesterly for 475.2 feet to the bulkhead line of the Harlem river ; thence northwesterly along the bulkhead line of the Harlem river for 544.53 feet to Third avenue ; thence northeasterly along Third avenue for 292.94 feet to the Southern Boulevard ; thence southeasterly along the Southern Boulevard for 333.16 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out an approach to the Third Avenue Bridge, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Mayor for his approval.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In the matter of laying out West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, Borough of Manhattan, the following report from the Engineer in Charge of Street Opening was read :

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, June 30, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—At the meeting of the Board of Public Improvements, held on the 7th instant, the following resolution was referred to me for report thereon :

“ Resolved, That the Local Board of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to Edgecombe road, be opened. ”

West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to Edgecombe road, is not a legal street of the city. The owner of property on the easterly side of old Kingsbridge road, now called St. Nicholas avenue, laid out a street, the continuation of West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and sold lot facing upon this street. The Commissioners of the Central Park, when they filed a map of that part of the Twelfth Ward north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, did not adopt this street, owing to the excessive grade of Edgecombe road.

The recent changes in the location of Edgecombe road, and the alteration of the grades will permit of the laying out of a street with grades about 7.50 per cent., which is not excessive for a residential street.

I would recommend that a street, the continuation of West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, be laid out and placed upon the map of the city, as the property facing upon the proposed street is without access.

Accompanying is a map of the proposed street, with technical description.

Respectfully,

JOS. O. E. WEBSTER, Engineer of Street Opening.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Avenue St. Nicholas to Edgecombe road, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Avenue St. Nicholas, distant 879.50 feet northerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street ; thence easterly and parallel with said street, distance 217.88 feet, to the westerly line of Edgecombe road ; thence southerly along said line, and in a curve line to the left, radius 335 feet, distance 44.92 feet ; thence still southerly, and in a reversed curve to the right, radius 230.06 feet, distance 16.88 feet ; thence westerly and parallel to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, distance 216.65 feet to the easterly line of Avenue St. Nicholas ; thence northerly along said line, distance, 54.45 feet ; thence still along said line and deflecting to the right 4 degrees 48 minutes and 20 seconds, distance 7.62 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Said street to be 60 feet wide between the lines of Avenue St. Nicholas and Edgecombe road.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed laying out and extending of the above-named street and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed laying out and extending of the above-named street at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed laying out and extending of the above-named street will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of September, 1899.

The following communication from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
August 28, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report a communication from Mr. J. A. O'Gorman, Attorney of K. B. Daly Estate, requesting therein the extending of the north line of the park at Ogden avenue, Jerome avenue and Woody Crest avenue, so as to embrace a narrow strip of land, being about 15 feet in width on Ogden avenue, and about 8 feet in width on Woody Crest avenue, I have to state as follows :

The park was laid out and established under authority of chapter 224 of the Laws of 1896, and amendatory act, chapter 70 of the Laws of 1897.

There is no doubt that the strip of land in question should have been taken into the limits of the park. It is, as it stands to-day, a detriment to the land lying to the north of it, cutting off the entire frontage of said owners toward the park. I agree with the statement made by the attorney that this strip of land cannot be improved upon to advantage, and only serves as an annoyance or means to exact terms of sale which cannot be complied with, and will be prejudicial to the park and the surrounding territory by the use that such a strip of land can be made of.

I therefore recommend the adoption of a plan showing the locating and laying out of an addition to the present park, and of a street between Ogden avenue and Woody Crest avenue, north of the park, and have prepared the accompanying map for the consideration of the Board, and for a public hearing.

The letter in this matter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, proposes to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out an addition to the park at Ogden avenue, Jerome avenue and Woody Crest avenue, and a new street north of said park and between Ogden avenue and Woody Crest avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Ogden avenue distant 280.62 feet northerly from the intersection of the northern side of Jerome avenue with the eastern side of Ogden avenue.

- 1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Ogden avenue for 56.04± feet ;
- 2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right to the western line of Woody Crest avenue for 211.14± feet ;
- 3d. Thence westerly for 218.45± feet to the point of beginning.

Technical Description for New Street between Ogden and Woodycrest Avenues.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Ogden avenue, distant 336.66 feet northerly from the intersection of the northern line of Jerome avenue and the eastern line of Ogden avenue.

1st. Thence northerly on the eastern line of Ogden avenue for 60 feet.

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right to the western line of Woodycrest avenue for $218.64\pm$ feet.

3d. Thence southerly along the western line of Woodycrest avenue for $60.47\pm$ feet.

4th. Thence westerly for 211.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed laying out of the above-named park and new street and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares or places, sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed laying out of the above-named park and new street at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, at two o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed laying out of the above-named park and new street will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of September, 1899.

The following report from the Engineer of Street Openings was read, and the matter was referred to the Local Board :

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, August 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—In the matter of the petition of Mark Ash and others "that the new street on the westerly side of Highbridge Park, extending from the northerly line of Washington Bridge at One Hundred and Eighty-first street to Amsterdam avenue, opposite One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street, be legally opened," referred to me for report thereon at the meeting of the Board of Public Improvements, held on the 16th instant.

The new street, as above described, was laid out by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement at the meeting held on the 19th day of January, 1897, and maps filed February 25, 1897. No action was taken at that date to acquire title to the land within the street.

It is respectfully recommended that the Board of Public Improvements pass a resolution requesting the Corporation Counsel to take the necessary proceedings to acquire title in the name of The City of New York to the land within the lines of the street, and also the title to the land in West One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the said street. There are incumbrances within the lines of the street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. O. B. WEBSTER, Engineer of Street Openings.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public

interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Fordham road, and from East One Hundred and Ninetieth street (St. James street) to Kingsbridge road, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Davidson avenue.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Davidson avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Davidson avenue, from East One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Fordham road, and from East One Hundred and Ninetieth street (St. James street) to Kingsbridge road, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of The Bronx, and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following opinion from the Corporation Counsel was read :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, September 1, 1899.

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of a resolution passed by your Honorable Body on the 7th day of June, 1899, requesting me to take steps to acquire the title to the land in Sixty-first street, from Second to Third avenue and from Sixth to Seventh avenue, for street opening purposes, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York. I am also in receipt of a communication from John D Snedeker, dated July 24, 1899, which reads as follows :

“I beg leave to advise you that the estate of T. V. W. Bergen and William Langley are now in a position to convey all their right, title and interest lying in lands lying in Sixty-first street,

between Second and Third avenue, City of New York, Borough of Brooklyn, pursuant to section 992 of the Charter, to The City of New York.

If you will kindly refer the matter to your Assistant in this borough, I will confer with him in regard to the proceedings therein.

I represent the estate of T. V. W. Bergen, and also write for Messrs. Hubbard and Rushmore, attorneys for William Langley, at their request."

On the foregoing facts I am of opinion that the interests of all parties would be best served by rescinding that part of the resolution of June 7, 1899, which reads "from Second to Third avenue."

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. BLANDY, Acting Corporation Counsel.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th of June, 1899, for the opening and extending of Sixty-first street, from Second avenue to Third avenue, and from Sixth avenue to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following amended resolution was then adopted :

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Sixty-first street, from Sixth avenue to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

"Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Sixty-first street, from Sixth avenue to Seventh avenue.

"Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Sixty-first street, from Sixth avenue to Seventh avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

"Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and heredita-

ments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Sixty-first street, from Sixth avenue to Seventh avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

IN MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY.

AN ORDINANCE to extend One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 7th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out and extending One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, not yet named by proper authority, for a distance of 200 feet easterly from Convent avenue ; and a new street to be known as Hamilton terrace, not yet named by proper authority, from One Hundred and Forty-first street for a distance of 779 feet 6 inches northerly in the Twelfth Ward of the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out and extend the aforesaid streets as follows :

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of Convent avenue, distance 719 feet 6 inches northerly from the northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-first street ; thence easterly and parallel with said street, distance 200 feet ; thence northerly and parallel with Convent avenue, distance 60 feet ; thence westerly and parallel with One Hundred and Forty-first street, distance 200 feet to the easterly line of Convent avenue ; thence southerly along said line, distance 60 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Also, beginning at a point in the northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-first street, distance 200 feet easterly from the easterly line of Convent avenue ; thence northerly and parallel with said avenue, distance 779 feet 6 inches ; thence easterly and parallel with One Hundred and Forty-first street, distance 60 feet ; thence southerly, distance 779 feet 6 inches to the northerly line of One Hundred and Forty-first street ; thence westerly along said line, distance 60 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Said street to be 60 feet wide.

Adopted by the Council January 10, 1899, two thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, August 15, 1899, two thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Approved by the Acting Mayor, August 22, 1899.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, Both houses of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York have concurred in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th December, 1898, to favor and approve of a change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out and

extending One Hundred and Forty-fourth street for a distance of 205 feet easterly from Convent avenue ; and a new street, to be known as Hamilton terrace, from One Hundred and Forty-first street for a distance of 779 feet 6 inches northerly, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, by passing an ordinance, adopting and approving of the same by a two-thirds vote, and the same having received the approval of The Mayor on the 22d August, 1899, as appears from the certificate of the City Clerk, received August 24, 1899 ; and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, by the adoption of said ordinance by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the said Municipal Assembly, and approval thereof by The Mayor, such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York is deemed to have been made ; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board, in pursuance of section 437 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, he and he is hereby directed to certify the three similar maps or plans which the President of this Board has caused to be made and submitted to this Board, showing such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York, as aforesaid, and to file the same as follows : one copy so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one copy in the office of the Corporation Counsel and one copy in the office of this Board.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was read :

AN ORDINANCE to change the grade of Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, Borough of Brooklyn.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 7th day of December, 1898, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. ;

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to change the grade of the aforesaid streets as follows :

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Sixty-eighth street and Seventeenth avenue, the elevation to be 42.5 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore ;

2d. Thence easterly to a point 130 feet from the eastern line of Seventeenth avenue, the elevation to be 43.74 feet above mean high-water datum ;

3d. Thence easterly to the intersection of Sixty-eighth street and Eighteenth avenue, the elevation to be 38.60 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

The mean high-water datum to which the elevations are referred is the one in use in the Department of Highways.

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Sixty-ninth street and Seventeenth avenue, the elevation to be 40.46 feet above mean high-water datum ;

2d. Thence easterly to a point 200 feet from the easterly line of Seventeenth avenue, the elevation to be 42.26 feet above mean high-water datum ;

3d. Thence easterly to the intersection of Sixty-ninth street and Eighteenth avenue, the elevation to be 37.6 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

The mean high-water datum to which the elevations are referred is the one in use in the Department of Highways.

Adopted by the Council January 10, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen August 15, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Approved by the Acting Mayor August 22, 1899.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, Both houses of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York have concurred in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 7th December, 1898, to favor and approve of a change in the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grade of Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, by passing an ordinance adopting and approving of the same by a two-thirds vote, and the same having received the approval of The Mayor on the 22d August, 1899, as appears from the certificate of the City Clerk received August 24, 1899 ; and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, by the adoption of said ordinance by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the said Municipal Assembly, and approval thereof by The Mayor, such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York is deemed to have been made ; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board, in pursuance of section 437 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, be and he is hereby directed to certify the three similar maps or plans which the President of this Board has caused to be made and submitted to this Board, showing such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York, as aforesaid, and to file the same as follows : one copy so certified in the office of the Register of the County of Queens, one copy in the office of the Corporation Counsel and one copy in the office of this Board.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
August 18, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report communication from Mr. Elmer A. Allen, attorney for Mr. M. Devoe, requesting that something be done immediately in relation to the parks bounded by Fordham road, Aqueduct avenue, East One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street and Andrews avenue ; that they be acquired by the City

or taken from the map of The City of New York, and in reply to your request for a report thereon, I state as follows :

This park was first laid out on "Map of Kingsbridge, Fordham Heights and Boscobel," filed January 18, 1878. Later on, this district was revised at the request of the property owners, Messrs. Webb, Devoe and Bailey, and a map modifying the street system, but retaining the parks, was filed July 24, 1889. Still later, under the Commissioner of Street Improvements, section 16 of the Final Maps was filed on November 18, 1895, which covered the territory in question, and whereon the parks are also shown.

As to the arguments of Mr. Elmer A. Allen in support of the discontinuance of the parks, it can be said that they are not well founded.

The wide streets mentioned in Mr. Allen's communication are parts of a grant street system, which is not laid out for one particular locality alone, but for districts miles distant therefrom, and facilitating the necessary traffic between the different sections of the City.

In reference to the Webb Home, Orphan Asylum and the New York University grounds, I wish to say that these are private institutions and the general public are excluded from the property. These conditions would induce me to enlarge the parks instead of discontinuing them. The close proximity to an asylum, as a rule, does enhance the value of property. Furthermore, the Cammann Estate, on the opposite side of Fordham road, has been subdivided and sold, the investors doubtless paying an advanced price in consideration of the location of the parks.

It has been the policy for a long time to increase the park area instead of reducing it. The public is thoroughly aware of their benefits and usefulness, and it would be inimical to the interests of the public, and an anomaly, and the forsaking of ideas which are so well represented and incorporated in the new lay-out of the different boroughs as to grant the request of the petitioner.

However, a public hearing can be given in this matter, and should it be decided to retain the park on the map, I would recommend that condemnation proceedings be initiated for the acquisition of the land, so that the title to the same can be vested in the City at an early date.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon a hearing in the above matter was fixed for September 27.

The following report from the Engineer of Street Opening was read and placed on file :

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
No. 346 BROADWAY, }
NEW YORK, August 28, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—In the matter of the petition of Hyman Sonn and others for the "Opening of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, from Amsterdam avenue easterly to the new street or avenue on the westerly side of the Highbridge Park, north of Washington Bridge."

In reply I would state that the so-called One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street was never laid down upon the Commissioner's Map of the City, but was shown upon a map of private property sold in the year 1874. Should the street be adopted, it will be about 190 feet in length, and parallel to and distant 179 feet 10 inches southerly from One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street ; the grade will exceed 7 per cent.

The cost of the land to be taken will be about \$35,000. I submit a plan and profile of the street proposed.

Respectfully,

JOS. O. B. WEBSTER, Engineer of Street Openings.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was referred back to the President of the Borough of Brooklyn :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
September 5, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report a communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn requesting a change of grade of three feet in East Sixteenth street, between Beverly road (Avenue B) and Avenue C, I report as follows :

East Sixteenth street, between Beverly road and Avenue C, lies in the Twenty-ninth Ward, former Town of Flatbush, Borough of Brooklyn. Beverly road, as well as Avenue C, has recently been macadamized ; furthermore, Avenue C has a double-track trolley line. These conditions preclude any change of grade at the extreme ends of the block for which a change is petitioned.

The sewer is built in East Sixteenth street and the manholes are raised about two to three feet above the natural surface.

Five hydrants are set in accordance with the established grade.

There are two houses built on said block and the ground around them terraced so as to conform with the established grade.

Filling-in is now being done by the property-owners along the line of the western sidewalk, and is now almost up to the established grade, and some filling has been done on the carriageway with ashes.

The proposed change would put the whole street in a depression, and the water would flow from both sides to the centre of the block.

The above statement shows clearly that the contemplated change should not be made, as it would be a detriment to the adjacent property. I therefore recommend that the petition be not approved by the Board of Public Improvements. I furthermore recommend that the Board of Local Improvements pass a resolution to regulate and grade East Sixteenth street, between the limits designated by the Department of Highways.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

In the matter of the reduction of assessment for the opening and extending of the public place bounded by East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, Courtlandt avenue, East One Hundred and Sixty-second street and the New York and Harlem Railroad, in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation Counsel (Minutes, August 9, pp. 1850-52), the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That so much of the resolution relating to the opening and extending of the public place bounded by East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, Courtlandt avenue, East One

Hundred and Sixty-second street and the New York and Harlem Railroad, adopted by the Board of Street Openings and Improvement on the 21st day of November, 1894, as provides "That the entire cost and expense of such proceeding shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby," is hereby amended so as to read, "That one-third of the cost and expense of such proceeding shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby, and two-thirds shall be borne and paid by The City of New York."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was referred back to the Local Board :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
August 29, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report a communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx requesting that Crotona Park, East, from Crotona Park, South, to the Boston road, be legally opened, I have to state that Crotona Park, East, does not extend to Boston road, but terminates at Southern Boulevard, a short distance to the west of Boston road.

I therefore recommend that this matter be referred back to the Local Board, Borough of The Bronx, for correction.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following communication was read and placed on file :

GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB OF THE NINETEENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, }
NEW YORK, September 1, 1899. }

President Board of Public Improvements, Park Row Building, New York :

DEAR SIR—At the meeting of Good Government Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District on the evening of August 30, 1899, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Good Government Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District believes that the City of New York should own its own water-works, and should not obtain its water or supply from a private corporation, and that this club approves the course of the Comptroller of The City of New York in opposing the effort to make a contract with the Ramapo Water Company to supply the City of New York with water ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Club commends the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements at the meeting of August 30, 1899, as follows : "That it is not to the public interest nor for the public weal, neither is it necessary that the City should contract with a private corporation for its supply of water."

JOSEPH M. PRICE, Secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and hereby is granted to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay mains in Summit place, in the Second Ward of the Borough of Queens, and to place one (1) fire hydrant on the line of same.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company for opening the street for the laying of the water-main, upon the presentation to him of the permit issued by the Commissioner of Water Supply for said work.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and hereby is granted to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Staten Island Water Company to extend its water-mains in Bement avenue, between Castleton and Forest avenues, and in Forest avenue, between Bement and Davis avenues, in the Borough of Richmond, and to erect three (3) fire hydrants on the line of same.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to issue a permit to the Staten Island Water Company for opening the streets for the laying of said mains, upon the presentation to him of the permit issued by the Commissioner of Water Supply for said work.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Richmond and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves of the plans and specifications submitted by Mr. Frank J. Nettleton for constructing a sewer in Bement avenue, between the present terminus of the sewer and Forest avenue, in the Borough of Richmond, a distance of one thousand three hundred and seventy (1,370) feet.

Resolved, That in pursuance of section 500, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the Commissioner of Sewers is hereby authorized to issue a permit to Frank J. Nettleton to construct a private sewer in Bement avenue, between the present terminus of the sewer and Forest avenue, in the Borough of Richmond, a distance of one thousand three hundred and seventy (1,370) feet, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Richmond and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Bridges was read :

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES, August 23, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—Please have prepared for consideration of the Board on the 30th instant resolution authorizing and approving reconstruction of abutments for the bridge over Dutch Kills creek at Borden avenue, in the Borough of Queens, and transmission of ordinance therefor to the Municipal Assembly.

Expense \$20,000, to be paid for from appropriation for the Department of Bridges, Borough of Queens, for the year 1899.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the reconstruction of abutments for the bridge over Dutch Kills creek at Borden avenue, in the Borough of Queens, under the direction of the Commissioner of Bridges, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Maintenance of and Repairs to Bridges," in the Borough of Queens, for 1899.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the reconstruction of abutments for the bridge over Dutch Kills creek at Borden avenue, in the Borough of Queens, under the direction of the Commissioner of Bridges, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Maintenance of and Repairs to Bridges, in the Borough of Queens, for 1899."

The following report from the Engineer of Street Openings was read :

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
OFFICE OF ENGINEER OF STREET OPENINGS,
NEW YORK, August 25, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—I have examined and herewith return the map of Sewerage District No. 10, E. P., Borough of Manhattan, submitted for the approval of the Board at the meeting held on the 23d

instant. The plan shows two receiving-basins to be built on the southwesterly corners of One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets and Avenue St. Nicholas.

I would recommend the adoption of the plan ; these basins are intended to receive the surface water of One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets, where it flows into Avenue St. Nicholas. The grade of the avenue being less than 2 per cent., not sufficient to discharge the overflow, and rendering the avenue at these points almost impassable in stormy weather.

Respectfully,

JOS. O. B. WEBSTER,

Engineer of Street Openings.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 439, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby approves of the modifications to plan of Sewerage District No. 10, E. P., showing additional receiving-basins to be placed on the southwest corners of One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets and St. Nicholas avenue, Borough of Manhattan.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Department of Water Supply (Minutes, August 23, page 1945), the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 419 of the Greater New York Charter, the purchasing by contract the following supplies, required in connection with the water service of the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply, viz. :

Furnishing 38,300 tons of semi-bituminous coal and 22,900 tons anthracite coal ;

Furnishing shovels, yard, lead, castings, hydrant-caps, etc. ;

Furnishing hay, straw, oats, etc. ;

Furnishing shovels, barrows, well-points, drive-well pipe, nails, etc. ;

Furnishing common brick, firebrick, fireclay, cement and asbestos ;

—be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from funds derived from receipts of water revenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the erection of an Engineer's house at the Gravesend Pumping Station, northeast corner of East Thirteenth street and Avenue V, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the fund derived from the collection of water revenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“ Resolved by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the erection of an Engineer's house at the Gravesend Pumping Station, northeast corner of East Thirteenth street and Avenue V, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the fund derived from the collection of water revenue in the Borough of Brooklyn.

The following report from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
 August 23, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated the 10th instant from the Secretary of the Board, I received a copy of a communication addressed to you by the Honorable John L. Shea, Commissioner of Bridges, relative to grading and paving with asphalt Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, Borough of Brooklyn.

You request me to furnish the Board with an estimate of the cost of the proposed improvement.

In reply, I beg to report that the grading and paving of that section of Butler street with asphalt pavement on concrete foundation, including new curbstone, and five years' maintenance of the pavement, is estimated to cost \$7,560. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$58,000.

The Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn, reports that this improvement was authorized by the Common Council of the late City of Brooklyn, and that the assessment therefor has already been levied ; also that one-third of said assessment has been paid in as required by the Brooklyn Charter.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Whereas, The Department of Finance has certified that one-third of the prospective cost and expense for grading and paving with asphalt pavement of Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, has been collected ; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and hereby is directed to advertise for proposals, and award contract for the grading of and paving with asphalt pavement of Butler street,

between New York and Brooklyn avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Department of Highways.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Commissioner of Highways, was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, There has been presented for authorization by the Local Boards of the different boroughs, resolutions for about twenty-five million dollars of improvements, payment for which will have to be made from the Street Improvement Fund ; and

Whereas, It is necessary that this Board should be fully informed by the Comptroller as to the extent to which said improvement can be authorized ; now be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby requested to report to this Board as early as possible the amount of money which will be available from the receipt of assessments and from the sale of bonds to pay for the above improvements, between January 1 and December 31, 1899, in order that the Board of Public Improvements may proceed to authorize said improvements, or some of them.

The following report from the Department of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, August 30, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit the estimated cost and the assessed value of property benefited by the construction of a sewer-basin on the northwest corner of Voorhees and Ocean avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Estimated cost, \$125 ; assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment, \$7,500.

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a sewer-basin on the northwest corner of Voorhees and Ocean avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being one hundred and twenty-five dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is seven thousand five hundred dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
August 26, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, an application of Mr. Clarence True, requesting that West Seventy-ninth street, between the Boulevard and the Hudson river, be repaved, and that the sidewalks be widened and grass plots and trees be planted, the same as in Eighty-sixth street and Ninety-sixth street, all which are wide streets, I report as follows :

West Seventy-ninth street, between Columbus avenue and the Hudson river, Twenty-second Ward, Borough of Manhattan, has a uniform width of 100 feet, and is a street connecting the grounds of the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park, with the Riverside Drive, and is used to great extent as an approach to the drive.

Improvements identical with those requested have been made on West Seventy-ninth street, between Columbus avenue and Amsterdam avenue, and perfectly illustrates the effect of the proposed lay-out. To grant the request of petitioners would not put the whole street in a satisfactory condition ; one block intervening, i. e., between Amsterdam avenue and Broadway, is not provided for, and I therefore suggest that this block be included in the limits.

The street is and will be built up with private dwellings, and the neighborhood having the same character, there will be no heavy traffic to any extent.

The inclosed letter from Park Commissioner George C. Clausen gives the approval to the proposed improvements.

In reference to the pavement of the carriageway of West Seventy-ninth street, between Columbus avenue and the Riverside drive, I can state that it is in good condition and any defects of same can be repaired at the time the widening of the sidewalks are made and at that time part of West Seventy-ninth street leading to the Hudson river can also be put in thorough condition.

All endeavors to plant trees, etc., should always find hearty support and encouragement.

I therefore recommend that the petition be granted and have prepared the accompanying map for the consideration of the Board of Public Improvements.

Papers and map are herein returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 416, subdivision 2, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the establishing the width of the sidewalks of West Seventy-ninth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Hudson river, in the Borough of Manhattan, at twenty (20) feet, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 416 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 6th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, That in pursuance of section 416, subdivision 2, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the establishing the width of the sidewalks of West Seventy-ninth street, between Amsterdam avenue and the Hudson river, in the Borough of Manhattan, at twenty feet, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.”

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Manhattan was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

NEW YORK CITY, September 6, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 22, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan recommend to the Board of Public Improvements that sewer on Bradhurst avenue be extended from present stopping place, between One Hundred and Fiftieth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Respectfully,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

The following petition was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

MERRICK, NASSAU COUNTY, N. Y., July 25, 1899.

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, *Board of Public Improvements*, No. 346 Broadway, Manhattan, New York :

DEAR SIR—We, the undersigned residents of Merrick, Long Island, hereby petition your Honorable Board to have filled in as speedily as possible the trench in which water supply pipes are laid, leading from Merrick avenue, West, past pumping station (located at this point) to

Hempstead turnpike, said trench being very unsightly and a menace to the health of this community.

Your early attention to and compliance with this request will greatly oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

Rev. J. W. BARKER and others.

The following communications were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

CHARLES A. MAPES,
CIVIL ENGINEER AND CITY SURVEYOR,
No. 534 WILLIS AVENUE,
NEW YORK, August 31, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :

DEAR SIR—The accompanying map shows a correct survey of Hewitt place in its relation with Prospect avenue and Dawson street, in the Borough of The Bronx, and owing to a slight error I would suggest that the block distance on the north side of Crane, or One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, between Dawson street and Hewitt place, be shortened, in accordance with map herewith inclosed, in order that Hewitt place may remain 60 feet wide, as shown on maps now on file in your department.

The shortening of the block can easily be accomplished, because of the fact that a lane runs diagonally across the block affected, as shown on said map ; and this is the only way the discrepancy in your maps can be wiped out.

Very respectfully yours,

CHAS. A. MAPES.

BEFORE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

In the Matter
of
Acquiring title to East One Hundred and Sixty-third
street, from Third to Westchester avenue, in the
Twenty-third Ward of The City of New York.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Improvements :

The petition of William Niemeyer, owner of property described by the Block No. 2657, Ward No. 21, Benefit No. 1374, in the above-entitled proceeding, who has been assessed in the sum of one thousand six hundred and three and eighty hundredths (\$1,603.80) dollars ; Peter P. Decker, owner of property described by the Block No. 2658, Ward No. 16, Benefit No. 1369, in the above-entitled proceeding, who has been assessed in the sum of one thousand five hundred and eighty-one and fifty-two one hundredths (\$1,581.52) dollars ; and Matilda Grosman, owner of property described by the Block No. 2569, Ward No. 5, Benefit No. 998, in the above-entitled proceeding, who has been assessed in the sum of eight hundred and thirty-four and thirty-seven one hundredths (\$834.37) dollars ; and others who have been assessed in the same proceeding, as they verily believe, greatly in excess of the benefit derived by their property from the said improvement, respectfully urge upon the Board of Public Improvements that said Board should determine three-fourths of the cost of the improvement should be borne by the City at large, for the following reasons :

First—Because said petition was never petitioned for by the property-owners, all of whom, as petitioners are informed and believe, were satisfied with the existing width of the street ; and because the street as laid out, sixty feet wide, answered all the purposes of the neighborhood, and all the wants of the people residing thereon.

Second—Because the opening and widening of the street, instead of being continued to Westchester avenue as proposed, terminates at Stebbins avenue, thereby preventing the direct access to said wide thoroughfare, Westchester avenue, originally contemplated.

Third—Because the widening of said street was not intended for merely local benefit, the cost of which should be paid for only by the abutting owners as resolved by the Board of Street Opening and Improvement unjustly, but was projected for an additional approach to the Grand Boulevard and Concourse as laid out, for a public, not a local benefit ; and in the judgment of your petitioners, three-fourths of the cost of the proceeding should be borne by the City at large.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated, New York, September 5, 1899.

WILLIAM NIEMEYER, PETER P. DECKER, MATILDA GROSSMAN,

By HENRY A. GUMBLETON, Attorney.

The following reports from the Department of Sewers were read, and the matters were laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 1, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith approximate estimate of cost of constructing a sewer and appurtenances in Walton avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Rockwood street, together with the assessed valuation of property to be benefited.

Estimated cost is \$1,626 ; assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment, \$15,900.

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, }
NEW YORK, August 28, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith approximate estimate of cost for constructing a sewer and appurtenances in Clinton place, between Aqueduct avenue, East, and Jerome avenue, together with the assessed valuation of property to be benefited :

Estimated cost.....	\$8,870 00
Assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment.....	19,625 00

Yours respectfully,

MATTHEW F. DONOHUE,

Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Manhattan were read, and the matters were laid over :

NEW YORK, September 6, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 22, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the recommendation of the Commissioner of Sewers that receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Eighteenth street and St. Nicholas avenue be constructed.

Respectfully,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, August 10, 1899. }

Hon. JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost and assessed valuation of property with resolution for the construction of a receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Eighteenth street and St. Nicholas avenue, Borough of Manhattan.

I desire that you place the same before the Local Board for their consideration.

Southwest corner of One Hundred and Eighteenth street and St. Nicholas avenue. Estimated cost, \$240 ; assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment, \$345,000.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) MATTHEW F. DONOHUE,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

NEW YORK CITY, September 6, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan, held August 22, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of The City of New York, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Local Improvements of the Nineteenth District of the Borough of Manhattan approve the recommendation of the Commissioner of Sewers that receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Seventeenth street and St. Nicholas avenue be constructed.

Very truly,

JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, August 10, 1899. }

Hon. JAMES J. COOGAN, President, Borough of Manhattan :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimated cost and assessed valuation of property, with resolution for the construction of a receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Seventeenth street and St. Nicholas avenue, Borough of Manhattan.

I desire that you place the same before the Local Board for their consideration.

Southwest corner One Hundred and Seventeenth street and St. Nicholas avenue. Estimated cost, \$265; assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment, \$370,000.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) MATTHEW F. DONOHUE,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read, and the matter was laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
September 5, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, a communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn recommending that sewers be constructed in Fifty-fourth street, between Seventh avenue and Fort Hamilton avenue, from Fifty-fourth street to Sixty-second street, and in Sixty-second street to Sixth avenue, and in Sixth avenue to Sixty-fourth street, and in Sixty-fourth street to New York Bay, I desire to state that all sewers to be built are shown on Sewerage Map "T," District No. 40, filed March 13, 1899, but as the costs of the construction are to be levied as assessments, it is necessary to show that the streets and avenues in which these sewers are to be built are legally opened streets or avenues. This can only be shown in two cases.

1st. Fifty-fourth street, from Seventh avenue to Fort Hamilton avenue.

(a) Fifty-fourth street, from Seventh avenue to Brooklyn City line, is legally open, and a deed of cession was recorded in the Register's office of King's County March 28, 1892.

(b) Fifty-fourth street, from Brooklyn City line to Fort Hamilton avenue, is not legally open, nor are there proceedings initiated to open Fifty-fourth street within said limits.

2d. Eighth avenue, from Fifty-fourth street to Sixty-second street, is not legally open. The proceedings are under way to open Eighth avenue, from Seventh avenue to Fiftieth street, including the required part, initiated July 12, 1899. The rule map has been sent.

3d. Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fourth street to Sixty-second street, is not legally open. The proceeding to open Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fifth street to Bay Ridge avenue, one block less than needed, was initiated July 12, 1899. The rule map was requested July 21, 1899.

4th. Fort Hamilton (formerly Franklin) avenue, between Fifty-fourth street and Sixty-second street, was legally opened on March 29, 1873.

5th. Sixty-second street, from Fort Hamilton avenue to Sixth avenue, is not legally open, but included in the proceedings to open Sixty-second street, from Tenth avenue to Sixth avenue, initiated April 12, 1899. The rule map was sent.

6th. Sixth avenue, from Sixty-second street to Sixty-fourth street, is not legally open, but included in the proceedings to open Sixth avenue, from Sixtieth street to Fort Hamilton avenue, initiated April 12, 1899. The draft damage map has been asked for.

7th. Sixty-fourth street, from Sixth avenue to New York Bay.

(a) Sixty-fourth street, from Sixth avenue to Fourth avenue, is not legally open, but proceedings were initiated May 10, 1899, to acquire title to this part of Sixty-fourth street.

(b) Sixty-fourth street, from Fourth avenue to New York Bay, is legally open, the Corporation

Counsel having accepted from the property-owners a deed of cession of said land within said limits on April 12, 1899.

In consideration of the above statements, I recommend :

(a) That sewer be built in Sixty-fourth street, between Fourth avenue and New York Bay, there being no legal objections to the same.

(b) Sewers to be built as soon as title to streets or avenues is vested in the City, and can be connected with a trunk sewer which is built, or under construction, thereby avoiding building sewers which have no outlet,

(c) Proceedings be initiated to open Fifty-fourth street, from Brooklyn City line to Fort Hamilton avenue.

(d) That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements to open Ninth avenue, from Fifty-fourth street to Bay Ridge avenue, be rescinded and another resolution offered to initiate a proceeding to open Ninth avenue, from Thirty-seventh street to Bay Ridge avenue.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following report from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read, and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, }
NEW YORK, August 24, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, Nos. 13 to 21 Park Row, City :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a letter from your department dated August 11, 1899, inclosing copy of a petition dated July 14, 1899, submitted to the Board of Aldermen, and referred by said Board to the Board of Public Improvements, requesting that gas-mains be laid in Second Street, from White Plains avenue to Sixth avenue, Borough of The Bronx.

I have to advise you that I have this day signed an order to the Northern Union Gas Co. to lay a gas-main and fit up and light twenty-one gas lamps in Second street, between the avenues named.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were placed on file :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, July 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting July 12, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on complaint of Department of Highways, Borough of The Bronx, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the front of premises No. 825 Tinton avenue, Borough of The Bronx, be fenced with a retaining-wall, in accordance with section 403 of the Greater New York Charter, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, August 16, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting August 16, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby rescinds the resolution adopted by said Board on July 12 last, recommending the fencing with retaining-wall of premises No. 825 Trinity avenue, Borough of The Bronx ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read, and placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 29, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a communication dated the 10th instant, from the Secretary of the Board, transmitting a resolution from the Department of Health, requesting that for sanitary reasons the Department of Highways be authorized and directed to have the cellar of the building No. 540 Fifth avenue filled with fresh earth, I beg to report that the owner of the property referred to has been notified to clean and fill in the cellar, and has complied with the notice.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
August 28, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On the 11th instant the Secretary of the Board forwarded to this Department, for investigation and report, copy of a communication from Mr. Charles A. Walsh, covering a petition for a cinder path through Meeker avenue, connecting Driggs avenue with Penny Bridge, Borough of Brooklyn.

In reply I beg to report that Meeker avenue, from Driggs avenue to Penny Bridge, has not been graded or paved, except that part between the tracks and rails, which has been graded by the railroad company. The sidewalks have never been graded, and where the curb line should be lines of poles are irregularly set.

Under these circumstances it appears to me that this Department has no authority to construct the cinder or bicycle path petitioned for, nor is there any appropriation from which the expense of the work could be paid.

There can be no doubt that it is necessary to grade and pave Meeker avenue, from Driggs avenue to Newtown creek, and it is suggested that the property-owners petition the Local Board of the District for this improvement.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
 August 28, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that a crosswalk should be laid from the north-west corner of Bushwick avenue and Siegel street to the southwest corner of said streets, which resolution was received with a letter, dated the 7th instant, from the Secretary of the Board, I have the honor to report that there is now a good crosswalk at this location.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
 August 28, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a communication, dated August 7, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Seventh District, Borough of Brooklyn, expressing belief that a crosswalk should be laid from the northeast corner of Graham avenue and McKibbin street to the southeast corner of said streets, I beg to report that an inspection has been made, showing that there is a crosswalk from the northeast corner of Graham avenue and McKibbin street to the southeast corner of said streets. This walk is defective, and will be repaired as soon as the necessary material can be obtained.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

In accordance with the report of the Commissioner of Highways, which was laid over at the meeting held August 16 (Minutes, pages 1909 to 1912), the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, A certain contract was entered into on the 29th day of May, 1897, between William Booth and the Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Newtown, Borough of Queens, for the improvement of certain streets and avenues in said Town ; and

Whereas, The amount of money raised by the issue of bonds for said improvements is insufficient to pay for them as projected by said Commissioners of Highways ; and

Whereas, By changing the character of the paving of nine of the streets from granite to macadam (the prices on both kinds of said pavements being a part and portion of said contract), the balance remaining, two hundred and eight thousand nine hundred and forty-three dollars and thirty-eight cents, will be more than sufficient to pay for said improvements if said contract be so modified ; now be it

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and is hereby authorized to modify said contract, with the consent of the contractor, by changing the character of said improvement from granite-block to macadam on the following streets and avenues, viz :

Furman avenue, Maiden lane, Old Brook School road, Juniper avenue, Grand avenue, Greenpoint avenue, Woodside avenue, Cypress avenue and Columbia avenue, Town of Newtown, Bor-

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ough of Queens, the price to be paid for same to be the same as bid in the original contract for macadam pavement.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 6, 1899. }

Hon. M. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit the estimated cost of the construction of sewer in Arrietta street, from Bay of New York to Central avenue, thence along Central avenue to a point in the vicinity of the bed of said brook, and thence on a line adjacent to said brook to Cebra avenue.

Estimated cost is \$41,000 ; assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment is \$1,706,440.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, }
NEW BRIGHTON, October 17, 1898. }

To the Honorable, the Borough Board, New Brighton, S.I. :

GENTLEMEN—In reply to your communication regarding the Arrietta Street brook, permit me to say that I have made an investigation of the matter, and find that it will be necessary, in order to do away with this brook, to construct a storm water sewer on Arrietta street, from the Bay of New York to Central avenue ; thence along Central avenue to a point in the vicinity of the bed of said brook, and thence on a line adjacent to said brook to Cebra avenue.

In conformity with section 413 of the Charter, I beg to report that the estimated cost of this work is \$41,000, and the assessed area of real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$1,706,440.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) HENRY P. MORRISON, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer.

Adjourned.

Attest :

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, September 13, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called, and the following members were present and answered to their names:

The Comptroller (Deputy Comptroller Levey), the Commissioner of Water Supply (Deputy Commissioner Haslin), the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn and the President of the Board.

The minutes of the meetings of August 30 and September 6, 1899, were approved.

The matter of the widening of Cauldwell avenue was postponed for two weeks.

The following communication from the Mayor was read:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, September 6, 1899.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Esq., *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements, New York:*

DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Mayor to return to you herewith inclosed a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on August 2, 1899, providing for a change in the approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and to call attention to the apparent discrepancy between the approaches as described in Parcel "A" in the printed slip in the inclosed resolution, and the dimensions as shown on the Engineer's map, which is also herewith returned.

Very respectfully yours,

ALFRED W. M. DOWNES, Secretary to the Mayor.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolutions adopted by this Board in relation to changing the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following amended resolution was then unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

(Description of the lands required for the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.)

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street with the western line of Madison avenue.

- 1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Madison avenue for 199.83 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.
- 2d. Thence westerly along said line for 20 feet.
- 3d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 199.83 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.
- 4th. Thence easterly for 20 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street with the eastern line of Madison avenue.

- 1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Madison avenue for 199.83 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.
- 2d. Thence easterly along said line for 20 feet.
- 3d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 199.83 feet to the northerly line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.
- 4th. Thence westerly for 20 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street with the western line of Madison avenue.

- 1st. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 420 feet to the eastern line of Fifth avenue.
- 2d. Thence northerly along said line for 90 feet.
- 3d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 295.32 feet.
- 4th. Thence easterly deflecting 28 degrees 8 minutes 4 seconds to the left for 141.40 feet to western line of Madison avenue.
- 5th. Thence southerly for 156.7 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street with the eastern line of Madison avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the northerly line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 174.67 feet to the western United States pierhead-line of the Harlem river.

2d. Thence northerly, deflecting 106 degrees 2 minutes 54 seconds to the left along the said pierhead-line for 222.43 feet.

3d. Thence still northerly deflecting 2 degrees 5 minutes 48 seconds to the left along the said pierhead-line for 36.02 feet.

4th. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 68.05 feet to the eastern line of Madison avenue.

5th. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Madison avenue for 199.50 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "E."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Exterior street, as shown on section 7 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

1st. Thence southerly along the westerly line of Exterior street for 51.67 feet.

2d. Thence westerly, deflecting 104 degrees 36 minutes to the right for 181.47 feet.

3d. Thence still westerly, deflecting 9 degrees 55 minutes 1 second to the left for 82.98 feet to the eastern United States pierhead-line of the Harlem river.

4th. Thence northerly, deflecting 71 degrees 55 minutes 43 seconds to the right along said pierhead-line for 52.6 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

5th. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 103.63 feet to an angle point.

6th. Thence still easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 172.79 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "F."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Mott avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Mott avenue for 32.66 feet.

2d. Thence westerly, deflecting 87 degrees 12 minutes 38 seconds to the right for 356.30 feet to the eastern line of Exterior street.

3d. Thence southerly, deflecting 78 degrees 11 minutes 22 seconds to the right along the eastern line of Exterior street for 31.66 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

4th. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 368.90 feet to the point of beginning.

Exterior street, south of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, to be reduced in width from 100 feet to 80 feet; and that portion of Exterior street between East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and lying west of the 80-foot street, to be discontinued and closed.

Description of changes of grades of Exterior street and of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

A—Exterior street, between Park avenue and Cheever place.

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Exterior street and Park avenue, the elevation to be 9.0 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

2d. Thence northerly along the eastern curb-line of Exterior street to an angle point, the elevation to be 7.8 feet above mean high-water datum.

3d. Thence northerly to the intersection of Exterior street and East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 18.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

4th. Thence northerly along the western curb-line of Exterior street to an angle point, the elevation to be 15.5 feet above mean high-water datum.

5th. Thence northerly to the intersection of Exterior street and Cheever place, the elevation to be 17.0 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

B—East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Harlem river and the New York and Harlem Railroad.

1st. Beginning at the United States pier and bulkhead-line, the elevation to be 6.0 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

2d. Thence easterly to the intersection of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and Exterior street, the elevation to be 18.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

3d. Thence easterly to the intersection of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Mott avenue, the elevation to be 12.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

4th. Thence easterly to the intersection with New York and Harlem Railroad, the elevation to be 8.5 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

All elevations refer to the mean high-water as established in the Borough of The Bronx.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed approaches of the above-named bridge and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares, or places, sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed laying out of the new approaches of the above-named bridge at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed laying out of the new approaches to the above-named bridge will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be

published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of September, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, August 29, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring, for report, a communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, requesting that Suburban place, from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road, be legally opened, I have to state that Suburban place is laid out on section 10 of the Final Maps and Profiles prepared under authority of chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890, which was filed in the Register's office June 14, 1895, and, therefore, there is no legal obstacle against opening the said Suburban place.

There are no buildings on the land.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of Suburban place, from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said Suburban place from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such Suburban place, from Croton Park, East, to Boston road, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending Suburban place, from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President Borough of The Bronx, President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, August 29, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report a communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, requesting that East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Crotona Park, East, to the Boston road, be legally opened, I have to state that East One Hundred and Seventy-third street is laid out on section 10 of the Final Map and Profiles under authority of chapter 545 of the Laws of 1890, which was filed in the Register's office June 14, 1895, and therefore there is no legal objection against the opening of East One Hundred and Seventy-third street.

There are no buildings on the land.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

And the following resolution was thereupon adopted :

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

“Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are no buildings upon the lands that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road.

“Resolved, That this Board directs that, upon the date of the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to said street or avenue, the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

“Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending East One

Hundred and Seventy-third street, from Crotona Park, East, to Boston road, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

“Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of The Bronx and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, September 9, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I transmit herewith resolutions for repairs to barrel sewers under Piers 8 and 13, North river, and request that the same be adopted by the Board of Public Improvements.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 415 of the Greater New York Charter, the repairing of wooden barrel sewer under Pier 8, North river, foot of Rector street, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for “Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning,” Borough of Manhattan, 1899.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 415 of the Greater New York Charter, the repairing of wooden barrel sewer under Pier 13, North river, in the Borough of Manhattan, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for “Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning,” Borough of Manhattan, for 1889.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, NEW YORK, September 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit original papers in the matter of the petition of the Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company, by Henry A. Meyer, to construct sewers in Fairview and Grandview avenues, in the Borough of Queens ; also in connecting streets and avenues—Himrod and Harmon streets, Greene avenue, Bleecker, Ralph, Grove and Lindon streets, in the Borough of Brooklyn—the same to be constructed at their own private cost and expense, with the necessary affidavit and agreement.

I ask for your approval of the same.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS, NEW YORK, September 9, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit plans and specifications, with the estimated cost and the assessed valuation of property, with copy of petition signed by Cord Meyer and others, for the construction of sewers in that part of the Second Ward, Borough of Queens, known as "Elmhurst."

Estimated cost, \$50,000 ; assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment, \$280,000.

Respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That the plans and specifications herewith submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers, for the construction of sewers in Elmhurst, Second Ward, Borough of Queens, under chapter 568, Laws of 1899, be and are hereby approved.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

On motion of the Commissioner of Sewers, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 560, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the plans and specifications submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers for the construction of sewers in

East Twenty-first street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 480 feet, more or less, southerly from Avenue F ;

East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 370 feet, more or less, southerly from Avenue F ;

East Twenty-third street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 260 feet, more or less, southerly from Avenue F ;

East Twenty-fourth street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 150 feet, more or less, southerly from avenue F ;

East Twenty-fifth street, between Avenue F and Foster avenue ;

East Twenty-sixth street, between Flatbush avenue and Avenue F ;

—in the Borough of Brooklyn, be and are hereby approved.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Bridges, Commissioner of Highways and President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Negative—None.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 560, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the Commissioner of Sewers is hereby authorized to issue a permit to the Germania Real Estate and Improvement Company to construct private sewers in

East Twenty-first street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 480 feet, more or less, southerly from Avenue F ;

East Twenty-second street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 370 feet, more or less, southerly from Avenue F ;

East Twenty-third street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 260 feet, more or less, southerly from Avenue F ;

East Twenty-fourth street, from Foster avenue southerly to a point 150 feet, more or less, southerly from Avenue F ;

East Twenty-fifth street, between Avenue F and Foster avenue ;

East Twenty-sixth street, between Flatbush avenue and Avenue F ;

—in the Borough of Brooklyn, in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by this Board.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 8, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit maps for filing, relative to the construction of sewers in the vicinity of Surf avenue and Ocean avenue, Thirty-first Ward, Borough of Brooklyn.

I also transmit you map of change of plan of Map Y, District 45, Borough of Brooklyn, and ask your approval of the same. I am,

Yours respectfully,

JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 439, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the plan submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers, showing modifications of sewerage plan, Map Y, District 45, being change of grades in East Twenty-first street and East Twenty-third street, between Avenues F and G, be and is hereby approved.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioners of Bridges and President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Negative—None.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 438 and 439, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the plan submitted by the Commissioner of Sewers, showing addition to the Coney Island Sewerage System, Thirty-first Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, be and is hereby approved.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Borough of Brooklyn.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

Resolved, That it is recommended to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that water-mains be laid in Ninety-third street, between Second and Third avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen August 2, 1899, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Adopted by the Council August 9, 1899, a majority of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Received from his Honor the Mayor September 5, 1899, without his approval or disapproval thereof ; therefore, as provided in section 40 of the Greater New York Charter, the same took effect as if he had approved it.

P. J. SCULLY, Clerk.

The following report from the President of the Borough of Richmond was referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, {
NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., September 5, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, held on the 5th day of September, 1899, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that proceedings be initiated for the macadamizing of Trossach road, in the Second Ward of the borough.

I inclose herewith a copy of the petition on which the Local Board acted.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Richmond was referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND, NEW BRIGHTON, {
NEW YORK, September 5, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, New York City :

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, held on the 5th day of September, 1899, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Local Board, First District of the Borough of Richmond, in The City of New York, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that proceedings be initiated for the construction of a sewer in that part of Westervelt avenue in the First Ward of the borough lying between Brook street and First avenue in said ward.

I inclose herewith a copy of the petition on which the Local Board acted.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

The following report from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was placed on file :

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, {
NEW YORK, September 6, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, Nos. 13-21 Park Row, New York City :

DEAR SIR—Referring to a communication from your office of August 24, inclosing copies of five communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, dated August 16, respectively, recommending the following matters :

Placing lights in front of Church of the Living Hope, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Southern Boulevard.

Laying gas-mains along Barker avenue.

Laying gas-main, etc., in Spring place, Third avenue to Boston road.

Laying gas-main in Becker avenue, from White Plains road to railroad station, Wakefield.

Laying gas main in Westchester avenue, between White Plains road and Marion street, Wakefield.

In reference to placing lights in front of the Church of the Living Hope, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Southern Boulevard, I beg to advise you that I have this day signed an order to the Central Union Gas Company to fit up and light two lamps in front of this church, as requested.

* In regard to Spring place, the lamps in this thoroughfare were removed on account of regulating and grading. They will be reset as soon as the gas company can get the gas-main laid.

As to Barker, Becker and Westchester avenues, an order was given to the Northern Union Gas Company by me, on August 25, for the laying of main and lighting of lamps on these streets.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read and placed on file :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated August 18, from the Secretary of the Board, I received for investigation and report a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Nineteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that the vacant lots at the south side of West One Hundred and Thirteenth street, beginning at the west wall of No. 34 and extending westerly 50 feet, be fenced.

In reply, I beg to report that since the passage of the resolution of the Local Board, the lots referred to have been properly fenced.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, September 11, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Thirteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, August 8, 1899, recommending that asphalt strips be laid on both sides of Sixth avenue, from Third to Thirteenth street, I beg to report that on January 10, 1899, I recommended to the Board of Public Improvements that Sixth avenue, from Carmine to Thirteenth street, be repaved with asphalt on the present pavement at an estimated cost of \$43,000, chargeable to the appropriation for "Repaving Streets and Avenues," Borough of Manhattan, 1899.

This improvement could have been made before this time but for the failure of the Municipal Assembly to authorize it. If that body will now adopt an ordinance authorizing the work, a contract can be entered into without further delay, thus rendering unnecessary the laying of asphalt strips.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following resolution, presented by the Comptroller, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Sewers be and he hereby is requested to submit to this Board a statement in regard to the reconstruction of the sewers mentioned in his communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated September 11, 1899, with the view of enabling the Board of Public Improvements to determine whether such work shall be a charge upon the city at large or assessed upon the property benefited.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read and the matter was laid over:

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
 NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
 NEW YORK, September 12, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I transmit herein approximate estimate of the cost of altering, rebuilding and improving receiving-basin on the west side of Valentine avenue, about 135 feet north of Burnside avenue, together with the assessed valuation of property to be benefited by the said improvement.

Estimated cost is \$266 ; assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment, \$46,000.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read and the matters were laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
 September 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated June 26 from the Secretary of the Board, with a copy of a communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, accompanied by a resolution adopted by the Local Board of said borough, recommending that East avenue, from the bridging over the tracks of the Long Island Railroad between Fifth and Sixth streets to the north side of Ninth street, be paved with asphalt.

In reply, I beg to say that the estimated cost of an asphalt pavement with concrete foundation on that section of East avenue is \$14,031, to be paid for by assessment.

The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$95,250.

The proposed improvement is necessary, and I recommend that it be authorized.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
 NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
 September 9, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Acknowledging receipt of a letter dated August 18, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Thirteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that King street be repaved with asphalt, I beg to report that the estimated cost of repaving King street, from Macdougall street to the North river, including the intersection with Hudson street, with asphalt on the present pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for ten years, is \$26,500. There are no funds to pay for such improvements at this time.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 8, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to the communication of August 18 from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Thirteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Carmine and Varick streets be paved with asphalt to Canal street, I beg to refer you to my letter of February 4, 1899, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 7, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On August 24 the Secretary of the Board transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Municipal Assembly, recommending that Delevan street, from Dwight street to Richard street; also Verona street, from Richard street to Van Brunt street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, be repaved with granite-block pavement on concrete foundation.

In reply, I beg to report that each of the proposed improvements would cover only one short block, and that the laying of granite blocks on concrete foundation would be of very little value.

The old blocks from Court street can be used to advantage in repaving Verona street, between Dwight street and Columbia street, and it does not seem advisable to lay concrete foundation under the granite-block pavement on these two streets, which are not subjected to heavy traffic.

In any case, there is no money to pay for the proposed improvements at this time.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 8, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Under date of the 18th ultimo, the Secretary of the Board transmitted to this Department, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fifteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Forty-second street, from curb to curb, and between the rails in said street from Fifth to Lexington avenue, be repaved with asphalt.

This section of Forty-second street is paved with granite blocks on concrete foundation. The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement on the present pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for ten years, is \$30,000. At present no funds are available for such improvement.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On August 18, 1899, the Secretary of the Board forwarded to me, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Seventeenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that West End avenue, between Seventy-ninth and Ninety-sixth streets, be repaved with asphalt. I have had an investigation made and find that the present granite-block pavement in that part of West End avenue is in good condition.

The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement on the present stone pavement as a foundation, with a guarantee of maintenance for ten years, is \$69,300, to be paid from the appropriation for repaving streets and avenues, in which there is no available balance.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Fifteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Charlton street be repaved with asphalt, I beg to report that the present trap-block pavement is in bad condition, but a new pavement cannot be laid at this time for lack of funds. The estimated cost of an asphalt pavement on the present stone pavement, with a guarantee of maintenance for ten years, is \$21,900.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 8, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I beg to submit the following report on a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Thirteenth District, Borough of Manhattan, recommending that Vandam street be repaved with asphalt :

The estimated cost of repaving with asphalt on the present pavement Vandam street, from Macdougall to Greenwich street, with a guarantee of maintenance for ten years, is \$15,000.

No work of this character can be undertaken at present for lack of funds.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read :

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, September 8, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—I request that action be taken as early as possible on the recommendation of the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts at a joint meeting, sent to you under date of January 20, for the construction of water-mains in the following streets :

Ocean avenue, 5,300 feet northerly from the corner of Kings highway.

Avenue L, 600 feet westerly from the corner of Ocean avenue.

Avenue K, 700 feet westerly from the corner of Ocean avenue.

East Nineteenth street, 400 feet southerly from the corner of Avenue L.

East Twenty-first street, 1,000 feet southerly from the corner of Avenue L.

Also, that early action be taken on the recommendation of the Local Board of the Eighth District, sent to you under date of January 30, for the construction of water-mains in the following streets :

Avenue M, 550 feet easterly from the corner of Ocean avenue.

Avenue L, 350 feet easterly from the corner of Ocean avenue.

East Eighteenth street, 1,400 feet northerly from the corner of Avenue L.

East Nineteenth street, 1,400 feet northerly from the corner of Avenue L.

East Twenty-first street, 440 feet northerly from the corner of Avenue L.

East Twenty-second street, 400 feet northerly from the corner of Avenue M.

Building operations are under way in the localities touched by these streets and it is desired that water be supplied as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

On motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the matter was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply, with request to submit proper resolutions looking to the issue of bonds, so that the above work may be carried out.

The Comptroller presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, Mr. Levey stating that the preparation of the statement would not delay the report of the Comptroller as to the condition of the Street Improvement Fund :

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Public Improvements cause to be prepared a statement of all resolutions for improvements now awaiting the action of that Board, with the estimate of the cost of each improvement.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read and the matter was laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, July 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On July 1, I addressed you a communication, and transmitted you prints of Main Relief Sewer Extension in Reid, avenue from Putnam avenue to DeKalb avenue ; Stuyvesant avenue, between Greene and Gates, and in Monroe street, between Ralph and Patchen avenues ; the estimated cost of which was \$20,000.

I beg leave to inform you that the assessed value of property within the probable area of assessment is \$7,035,561.

I am, yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, July 1, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit blue prints for Main Relief Sewer Extension No 3, in Reid avenue, between Putnam and DeKalb avenues; in Stuyvesant avenue, between Greene and Gates avenues, and in Monroe street, between Ralph and Patchen avenues.

On the 23rd day of December, 1897, a contract was awarded to Daniel J. Creem, for the construction of the sewers mentioned; the expense of the same to be charged to the "Main Sewer Relief and Extension and Sewerage Funds," of the City of Brooklyn.

The Comptroller of the City of Brooklyn failed to certify to the contract as required by the Charter then in force.

On November 15, 1898, the Comptroller of The City of New York returned the original contract to this office with the statement that the balance to the credit of the "Main Sewer Relief and Extension and Sewerage Funds" of the former City of Brooklyn was \$11,341.03 (inclosure No. 1).

Under date of July 1, 1899, Mr. Creem wrote the Comptroller that on account of the increase in the cost of labor and materials, he could not do the work unless an additional allowance was made to him (Inclosure No. 2).

On the 12th day of June 1899, I referred the whole matter to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether this contract was binding on the City; if not, can I, under the authority of the Board of Public Improvements, re-advertise and award contract for the construction of the sewers mentioned.

I have been advised by the Corporation Counsel that I have, under the authority of the Board of Public Improvements, the powers to enter into a new contract for the purpose indicated (inclosure No. 3).

I therefore request that I be granted authority under the provisions of sections 415 and 422 of the Charter, to re-advertise and award contract for the construction of Main Relief Sewer Extension No. 3, in Reid avenue, between Putnam and DeKalb avenues; in Stuyvesant avenue, between Greene and Gates avenues, and in Monroe street, between Ralph and Patchen avenues, with necessary contingent construction.

Respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following report from the Commissioner of Bridges was read and placed on file :

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES—CITY OF NEW YORK,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, PARK ROW BUILDING, }
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., September 12, 1899.

JOHN H. MOONEY, Esq., *Secretary :*

SIR—I am in receipt of your communication of the 11th instant inclosing copy of communication received by the Board of Public Improvements from the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, relating

to an ordinance for establishing a separate bicycle path on the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, which matter was referred to me on May 31, 1899.

In reply thereto I beg leave to state that the subject was by me referred to the Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the Bridge, who on July 8, 1899, and again on August 7, 1899, reported adversely to the proposition.

I inclose herewith copy of report of August 7, which substantially comprehends both reports.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges.

(Copy.)

BROOKLYN, August 7, 1899.

Hon. JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner of Bridges :

DEAR SIR—On July 8 I had the honor to report on the subject of a bicycle path over the bridge, and closed by saying : " I am obliged to report that a bicycle path over the bridge is not feasible."

At your suggestion I invited the members of the committee of bicycle organizations to meet me and go over the bridge, for the purpose of pointing out the reasons why the plan proposed by that committee was not feasible. This I did, and I believe that all of the four members of the committee who were present became satisfied that, for the reasons stated in my report of the 8th ultimo, a bicycle path on the plan proposed was impracticable.

Another plan was proposed by them, upon which I now beg to report.

As the terminals are the only points of difficulty, I will confine my report to that in New York.

It was proposed to pass alongside of the south side of the New York station, cross the south roadway and descend to the level of the bridge roadway by means of a stairway passing underneath and practically parallel with the stairs now in place alongside of the " World " Building, and to reach Park row by crossing the sidewalk at the foot of the stairs mentioned.

Such a stairway as was proposed would encroach upon the bridge roadway, which in my judgment should not be permitted ; and also in my judgment it would not be advisable or permissible to add to the already congested condition of travel on the sidewalk at the foot of the " World " Building stairs by the introduction of a line of bicycles crossing the sidewalk at right angles. In addition to the difficulty which bicyclists have in crossing the sidewalk, thronged as it is with pedestrians, they would, as soon as they left the sidewalk, meet real danger, as they would have to cross the line of vehicles approaching the bridge roadway from Nassau street and lower Park row, as well as the several lines of cars passing in both directions on Park row.

Since, in my judgment, the obstacles to a bicycle path at the New York terminal are insurmountable, it is unnecessary to say anything about the Brooklyn side. I am clearly of the opinion that it is not feasible to construct a bicycle path over the bridge.

(Signed) C. C. MARTIN,

Chief Engineer and Superintendent, New York and Brooklyn Bridge.

The following transfers were approved by the Board :

E. A. Fintel, Jr., Transitman, from the Department of Sewers to the Department of Bridges, Borough of The Bronx, to take effect September 14, 1899.

William Haggerty, Sweeper, from Department of Street Cleaning to Department of Water Supply.

Peter J. Murphy, Leveler, from Topographical Bureau, Board of Public Improvements, to the Department of Bridges, to take effect September 14, 1899.

Adjourned.

Attest :

MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, September 20, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Comptroller (Deputy Comptroller Levey), the Commissioner of Water Supply (Deputy Commissioner Haslin), the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Commissioner of Sewers (Deputy Commissioner Donohue), the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens, and the President of the Board.

In the matter of the extension of Van Corlear place, the hearing was reopened and the following protest was submitted :

The Honorable the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—In opposition to the application for an extension of Van Corlear place (east) from the easterly side of Kingsbridge avenue to the northwesterly side of Broadway, at Marble Hill, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, we submit the following, being property-owners on said Marble Hill. We oppose the same on the grounds :

1st. That a 100-foot-wide street on Marble Hill is unnecessary.

2d. If such a street were opened, traffic by team would be an impossibility.

We therefore respectfully ask that the application be denied and the resolution disapproved.

Dated New York, September 15, 1899.

JOHN BRANDT, and thirteen others.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer for the purpose of consulting with the property-owners and reaching some arrangement satisfactory to all parties.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,	}
September 19, 1899.	

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—I transmit herewith map or plan, entitled "Plan and Profile," showing the locating and laying out and the grades of West Farms road, from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to the Bronx river, Twenty-fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, City of New

York, prepared by the Board of Public Improvements, under authority of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, dated New York, September 16, 1899, with the recommendation that the same be approved and ordered to be filed.

The original map showing the design of the street system in the Borough of The Bronx, east of the Bronx river, was adopted by the Board of Public Improvements August 31, 1899, and does not show any dimensions or grades.

The submitted plan and profile of West Farms road was prepared with a view to render more definite the originally adopted map. Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Whereas, The President of this Board has prepared, completed and submitted to this Board for its concurrence and approval a map or plan, with profile of the final maps and profiles of that portion of the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, lying east of the Bronx river, showing the location and laying out and the grades of West Farms road, from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to the Bronx river, being in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the said Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, located and laid out by the said President of this Board, in pursuance of section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897.

Resolved, That this Board does hereby give its consent and approval to the said map or plan, with profile of the said final maps and profiles of the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, prepared by the President of this Board, under authority of section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, dated September 16, 1899, and signed Louis A. Risse, Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse, which said map, with profile, is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and he is hereby designated and directed, in pursuance of the provisions of said section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, to cause three similar sets of said map or plan, with profile, of the said final maps and profiles of the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, to be certified by him and by the Secretary of this Board, and to be filed in the manner now prescribed by law, one set so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one in the office of the Corporation Counsel and one in the office of this Board.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE, }
September 20, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

Six—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report a communication of the President of the Borough of The Bronx, requesting that White Plains road,

from the northern boundary of The City of New York to Morris Park avenue, be legally opened, I have to state that White Plains road is laid out on the map or plan showing a general design for a system of streets, public squares and places, parks, bridges, etc., in that part of the Borough of The Bronx lying easterly of the Bronx river, as authorized by chapter 10, title 2, section 433 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, and adopted by the Board of Public Improvements August 31, 1898.

White Plains road, from the Bronx and Pelham parkway to the northern boundary of The City of New York, was filed in the Register's office and in the Corporation Counsel's office, July 26, 1899.

White Plains road, from Morris Park avenue to the Bronx and Pelham parkway, was filed in the Register's office and Corporation Counsel's office, August 4, 1899, and therefore there is no legal objection against opening of said White Plains road. There are buildings on the land.

The papers in this matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

" Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of sections 970 and 990 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deems it for the public interest that the title to the lands and premises required for the opening and extending of White Plains road, from the northern boundary of The City of New York to Morris Park avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, should be acquired by The City of New York at a fixed or specified time.

" Resolved, That it appears to this Board, from the surveys made and information furnished to it by the President of the Board of Public Improvements, that there are buildings upon the land that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending said White Plains road, from the northern boundary of The City of New York to Morris Park avenue.

" Resolved, That this Board directs that upon a date to be hereafter more fully specified, not less than six months after the filing of the oaths of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed by the Supreme Court in proceedings for the acquisition of title to such street or avenue, that the title to any piece or parcel of land lying within the lines of such White Plains road, from the northern boundary of The City of New York to Morris Park avenue, so required, shall be vested in The City of New York.

" Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby requests the Corporation Counsel to make application to a special term of the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, and to take the necessary proceedings, in the name of The City of New York, to acquire title, whenever the same has not been heretofore acquired, for the use of the public, to the lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall or may be required for the purpose of opening and extending White Plains road, from the northern boundary of The City of New York to Morris Park avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York.

" Resolved, That the entire cost and expense of said proceedings shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby."

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, September 20, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—I have received your communication of August 8, 1899, which reads as follows :

“ In 1898 I received from Mr. Noyes F. Palmer, of the Borough of Brooklyn, certain tax maps of the meadow lands of New Lots, now Twenty-sixth Ward, of said borough, which were prepared by him under the provisions of section 2, chapter 351, Laws of 1893.

Section 1 of chapter 351, Laws of 1893, directs the Commissioner of City Works of Brooklyn, with the consent of the Mayor, to cause a general survey made of the meadow lands in the Twenty-sixth Ward, and the said Commissioner, upon the completion of the survey, to cause a map to be made of the street system ; also maps for the use of the Department of Assessments.

This survey and maps were prepared by City Surveyor Noyes F. Palmer, who had a contract under the above act, but were never received by the City of Brooklyn. They were received by this Board (as above) as successor, I suppose, to the Commissioner of City Works in Brooklyn, Mr. Palmer saying at the same time that he had a claim against the City for this work, which claim I understand has since been settled by the Comptroller.

The maps submitted by Mr. Palmer show a system of street and layouts, that part of Jamaica Bay, in the Twenty-sixth Ward, Borough of Brooklyn, as directed in section 2 of the foregoing mentioned chapter, and the question arises what legal standing these streets have, since the maps in question have never been accepted by any legal authority.”

In reply thereto I would say that, by chapter 351 of the Laws of 1893, the Commissioner of City Works of Brooklyn, with the consent of the Mayor, was authorized to “ cause a general survey of the meadow lands, lying within the limits of the twenty-sixth ward of said city, and the establishment of a bulkhead line in the waters of Jamaica Bay, and the erection of a suitable number of monuments or benches defining the lines and grade of the said bulkhead line, and the continuance of streets and avenues thereto.”

Under this authority, a survey in accordance therewith was duly authorized by the Commissioner of City Works of said city with the consent of the Mayor, and said Commissioner appointed and employed Mr. Noyes F. Palmer to make the survey and otherwise to carry out the provisions above quoted. This work has been completed and the maps prepared by him have been delivered to your Department.

You now ask my advice as to the legal standing of the streets and avenues appearing upon these maps as continuations of streets and avenues leading to the bulkhead line established thereon.

It will be noted that the title of the act is :

“ An Act to provide for the completion of the commissioners’ map of the city of Brooklyn, by surveying and mapping out the meadow lands in the twenty-sixth ward thereof, and the establishment of a bulkhead line in the waters of Jamaica Bay, and authorizing an assessment for the expenses thereof,”

The intention of the act, as explained by this title, is to lay out and add to the Commissioners' Map the continuation of streets and avenues already appearing thereon. This calls for no exercise of judgment upon the part of the Commissioner of City Works or of his successors, but is simply a matter of mathematical calculation and draughtsmanship.

I advise you therefore that these maps upon approval by your Board, be properly filed in your Department, and that thereupon the said streets and avenues will become possible streets, subject to become actual streets of the City when legally opened in pursuance of statute.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of your letter of 24th ultimo, transmitting, for investigation and report, a communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx, calling for the laying of water-mains in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Jackson and Forest avenues, and in One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Fulton avenues, I desire to report that the water-mains are necessary, and that mains should also be laid in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Sheridan and Mott avenues ; and in Sheridan avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets.

There are 25 houses to be supplied with water from these mains on a total distance of 1,800 feet, and the estimated cost of furnishing and laying the mains is \$1,873, chargeable to the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, for 1899."

I inclose herewith drafts of a resolution and an ordinance for adoption by your Board and for transmission to the Municipal Assembly, authorizing the laying of these mains.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Jackson and Forest avenues, in One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Fulton avenues, in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Sheridan and Mott avenues, and in Sheridan avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Laying Croton Pipes, Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, for 1899."

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 20th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Jackson and Forest avenues, in One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Fulton avenues, in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between Sheridan and Mott avenues, and in Sheridan avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for ‘Laying Croton Pipes, boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx for 1899.’ ”

The following communication from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, September 19, 1899.

Hon MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have to request, under and in pursuance of section 587, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, that the Board of Public Improvements authorize and request the consent of the Municipal Assembly, the sub-division of the Borough of Manhattan—the same being deemed for the best interest of the city—as follows, into sub-districts, for the purpose of making contracts for lighting the streets, avenues and public buildings therein :

No. 1. All streets and avenues where the New Amsterdam Gas Company (formerly the East River and Amsterdam Gas Company) has mains.

No. 2. All streets and avenues where the Standard Gas-light Company has mains.

No. 3. All streets and avenues where the Consolidated Gas Company has mains, but where neither of the above-named companies has mains.

My reasons for asking for the above sub-divisions of the city into districts for gas lighting are : That the City can make a very material saving in the cost of gas lighting by this sub-division.

The New Amsterdam Gas Company bid \$12 per lamp per year for streets and avenues wherever they have mains laid, and they light at the present time 3,400 street lamps. This company covers many of the streets extending north of Canal street, between First and Eleventh avenues.

The Standard Gas-light Company bid \$12.90 per lamp per year for streets and avenues wherever they have mains, and they light at the present time 1,900 street lamps. This company covers many of the streets above Fourteenth street, between First and Tenth avenues.

The Consolidated Gas Company bid \$17 per lamp per year, and they light at the present time 14,402 street lamps. This company is the only one of the above-named companies that has gas-mains in all the streets and avenues on Manhattan Island, and if there is no sub-division of the

city into districts, it is possible that the contract for lighting would have to be given to this company for the entire borough, as it is the only company prepared to light the entire borough.

Very truly yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

Thereupon the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, It is necessary for the interests of the City that subdivisions should be made for lighting the streets in the Borough of Manhattan by gas, the prices bid being as follows :

New Amsterdam Gas Company.....	\$12 00 per street lamp.
Standard Gas-light Company.....	12 90 “
Consolidated Gas Company.....	17 00 “

Whereas, There are numbers of instances where the pipes of all of the above companies are laid in the same streets ; now be it

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 587, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby approves of the following subdivisions, for lighting by gas of the streets, avenues and public buildings in the Borough of Manhattan, and recommend them to the Municipal Assembly for adoption :

1st. All streets and avenues where the New Amsterdam Gas Company has mains.

2d. All streets and avenues where the Standard Gas Company has mains, but where the New Amsterdam Gas Company has no mains.

3d. All streets and avenues where the Consolidated Gas Company has mains, but where neither of the above-named companies has mains.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on the 20th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the subdivisions therein provided for are hereby authorized, viz. :

“Whereas, It is necessary for the interests of the City that subdivisions should be made for lighting the streets in the Borough of Manhattan by gas, the prices bid being as follows :

New Amsterdam Gas Company.....	\$12 00 per street lamp.
Standard Gas-light Company.....	12 90 “
Consolidated Gas Company.....	17 00 “

Whereas, There are numbers of instances where the pipes of all of the above companies are laid in the same streets ; now be it

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 587, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the Board of Public Improvements hereby approves of the following sub-divisions, for the lighting by gas of the

streets, avenues and public buildings in the Borough of Manhattan, and recommend them to the Municipal Assembly for adoption :

- 1st. All streets and avenues where the New Amsterdam Gas Company has mains.
- 2d. All streets and avenues where the Standard Gas Company has mains, but where the New Amsterdam Gas Company has no mains.
- 3d. All streets and avenues where the Consolidated Gas Company has mains, but where neither of the above-named companies has mains."

The following report from the Finance Department was read :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, September 12, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to the communication addressed to me by the Secretary of your Board under date of 10th ultimo, in relation to the assessment for grading and paving Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, I beg to advise you that the total assessment for said improvement as confirmed on June 14, 1897, is \$7,000, and that the total sum collected on account thereof to the 9th instant is the sum of \$2,467.26.

Very respectfully,

M. T. DALY, Deputy Comptroller.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, The Department of Finance has certified that one-third of the cost and expense for grading of and paving with asphalt pavement of Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, has been collected ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be and he hereby is directed to advertise for proposals and award contract for the grading of and paving with asphalt pavement of Butler street, between New York and Brooklyn avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Department of Highways.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following resolution, presented by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be requested to make examination, before entering into contract for the above work, to find out whether the sewer, gas and water pipes have been laid in the street.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 18, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find it necessary to advertise and let a contract for furnishing 800 tons of anthracite coal, egg size, and

2,900 tons of anthracite coal, pea size, for fuel for the pumping stations in the Borough of Queens, at an estimated cost of \$14,800, chargeable to the appropriation for "Pumping Stations—Fuel and Supplies," Borough of Queens, for 1899.

I inclose herewith a draft of a resolution for adoption by your Board, authorizing the making of this contract.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, That, in pursuance of section 419 of the Greater New York Charter, the Board of Public Improvements hereby authorizes the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Water Supply for furnishing and delivering at the pumping stations for the public water supply in the Borough of Queens, eight hundred tons of anthracite coal, egg size, and two thousand nine hundred tons of anthracite coal, pea size, at an estimated cost of fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars, chargeable to the appropriation for "Pumping Stations—Fuel and Supplies," Borough of Queens, for 1899.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, September 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements:

DEAR SIR—With the letter from you of 14th instant, was transmitted to me for report a copy of a communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, dated the 8th instant, requesting early action on the recommendation of the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts of that borough, calling for the laying of water-mains in certain streets in those districts.

In response thereto I desire to say that I have report from the Chief Engineer of this Department, from which I find it proper that water-mains be laid in the following streets in the Borough of Brooklyn :

In Coney Island avenue, between Avenues N and S.

In Avenue N, between Coney Island and Ocean avenues.

In Ocean avenue, between Avenues J and N.

In East Twelfth, East Thirteenth, East Fourteenth and East Fifteenth streets, between Avenues O and N.

In East Eighteenth street, between Avenues L and J.

In East Nineteenth street, between Avenues M and J.

In East Twenty-first street, between Avenues M and K.

In East Twenty-second street, between Avenues M and L.

In Avenue M, between Ocean avenue and East Twenty-second street.

In Avenue L, between East Nineteenth and East Twenty-first streets.

In Avenue K, between Ocean avenue and East Seventeenth street.

The total distance is 22,000 feet, on which there are 105 houses to be supplied with water, and the estimated cost of the mains is \$35,000.

I herewith inclose draft of a resolution for adoption by your Board, authorizing the laying of these water-mains, and recommend that a corresponding ordinance be presented by the Board to the Municipal Assembly, which should also authorize the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York to the amount of \$35,000 to cover the necessary expense.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolution was thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in the following streets in the Borough of Brooklyn :

Coney Island avenue, between Avenues N and S ;

Avenue N, between Coney Island and Ocean avenues ;

Ocean avenue, between Avenues J and N ;

East Twelfth, East Thirteenth, East Fourteenth and East Fifteenth streets, between Avenues O and N ;

East Eighteenth street, between Avenues L and J ;

East Nineteenth street, between Avenues M and J ;

East Twenty-first street, between Avenues M and K ;

East Twenty-second street, between Avenues M and L ;

Avenue M, between Ocean avenue and East Twenty-second street ;

Avenue L, between East Nineteenth and East Twenty-first streets ;

Avenue K, between Ocean avenue and East Seventeenth street ;

—and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following forms of ordinance were approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 20th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the laying of water-mains in the following streets in the Borough of Brooklyn :

In Coney Island avenue, between Avenues N and S ;

Avenue N, between Coney Island and Ocean avenues ;

Ocean avenue, between Avenues J and N ;

East Twelfth, East Thirteenth, East Fourteenth and East Fifteenth streets, between Avenues O and N ;

East Eighteenth street, between Avenues L and J ;

East Nineteenth street, between Avenues M and J ;

East Twenty-first street, between Avenues M and K ;

East Twenty-second street, between Avenues M and L ;

Avenue M, between Ocean avenue and East Twenty-second street ;

Avenue L, between East Nineteenth and East Twenty-first streets ;

Avenue K, between Ocean avenue and East Seventeenth street ;

—and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the issue of bonds of the Corporate Stock of The City of New York.”

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 178 of the Greater New York Charter, the Comptroller of The City of New York be and he hereby is authorized and directed to issue Corporate Stock of The City of New York to an amount not to exceed \$35,000, to pay for the laying of water-mains in the following streets and avenues in the Borough of Brooklyn, viz. :

Coney Island avenue, between Avenues N and S.

Avenue N, between Coney Island and Ocean avenues.

Ocean avenue, between Avenues J and N.

East Twelfth, East Thirteenth, East Fourteenth and East Fifteenth streets, between Avenues O and N.

East Eighteenth street, between Avenues L and J.

East Nineteenth street, between Avenues M and J.

East Twenty-first street, between Avenues M and K.

East Twenty-second street, between Avenues M and L.

Avenue M, between Ocean avenue and East Twenty-second street.

Avenue L, between East Nineteenth and East Twenty-first streets.

Avenue K, between Ocean avenue and East Seventeenth street.

The following report from the Commissioner of Sewers was read :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 19, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of the 14th instant, transmitting copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements, as follows :

“Resolved, That the Commissioner of Sewers be and he hereby is requested to submit to this Board a statement in regard to the reconstruction of the sewers mentioned in his communication to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated September 11, 1899, with the view of

enabling the Board of Public Improvements to determine whether such work shall be a charge upon the city at large or assessed upon the property benefited."

I desire to say that the work contemplated is in tearing down the unstable arch in the first two mentioned streets, Warren, from Bond to Smith street ; Smith street, from Warren to Atlantic avenue, reserving the inward or bottom of the sewers, which are in excellent condition, and rebuilding an arch at a lower level, for the protection of the sewer against heavy traffic, the sewer being of ample size when repaired to drain all property emptying into it.

Two (2) manholes to be built in Hoyt street and five (5) manholes to be built in Wyckoff street, for use in cleaning these sewers. 14 manholes and new arch off of Warren street and Smith street sewers. The estimated cost in detail is 2,468 linear feet of new arch at \$7—total, \$17,276. 21 manholes at \$35 each, \$735 ; making a total of \$18,011.

I can but consider this as repairs to sewer, and I am of the opinion that as such it can be but charged against the city at large, recognizing the fact that it is not compulsory for the City to build sewers, but when it does, they must be adequate in regard to drainage, and in construction safeguarding to the public.

Direct or implied notification to the City of the deficiency in either of the above requirements would compel the City to rectify either error immediately at its cost. The repair is necessary in this matter, as in some places the granite pavement can be seen through the arch.

I also transmit blue print.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following resolution, presented by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the matter be laid over for one week, and the Commissioner of Sewers be requested to have the Engineer in charge of work present at the next meeting to furnish further information.

The following resolution, submitted by the Commissioner of Bridges, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Board that the proposed ordinance approved by it on the 28th day of June, 1899, and now in the Board of Aldermen, having been passed by the Council on August 9, 1899, for the furnishing and laying of a forty-eight inch conduit line from the Milburn Engine House to the gate chamber at Spring creek, in the Borough of Brooklyn, which is intended to increase the supply of water in said Borough over 25,000,000 gallons per day, should be adopted by the Honorable the Board of Aldermen without delay.

The following resolution was presented by the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to call the attention of the Commissioner of Water Supply to the two resolutions unanimously passed by this Board on April 19 last, and appearing on page 673 of the Minutes, and to ask for an early report thereon.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, LIGHTING AND SUPPLIES, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, September 19, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 21 Park Row, City :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with the provisions of section 413 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897, herewith is submitted a resolution authorizing and approving that this Department advertise for proposals and make a contract for certain repairs, alterations and additions to the Brooklyn Disciplinary Training School, made necessary by a fire ; approximate cost, \$20,000, to be paid from the appropriation entitled "Supplies and Repairs, 1899, Borough of Brooklyn" with the request that you transmit to the Municipal Assembly the same with your recommendation that it pass the necessary ordinance, or resolution, authorizing the same.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, certain repairs, alterations and additions to the Brooklyn Disciplinary Training School (Borough of Brooklyn), under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same are hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Supplies and Repairs, 1899, Borough of Brooklyn."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Brooklyn and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 20th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, certain repairs, alterations and additions to the Brooklyn Disciplinary Training School (Borough of Brooklyn), under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same are hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for 'Supplies and Repairs, 1899, Borough of Brooklyn.'"

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, }
NEW YORK, September 18, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the communications from the President of the Borough of Queens, and the resolutions of the Local Boards of that borough, received with letter of May 5th ultimo from your Secretary, for investigation and report, I desire to say that, from report which I now have from the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that there is no objection to the granting of permission by your Board to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay water-mains in Fresh Pond road from the present main near Olivet avenue to Linden street, and in Frederick, Marshal, Grove and Linden streets, between Fresh Pond road and Forrest avenue. The total distance is 8,415 feet, on which there are 60 houses to be supplied with water, and 8 fire-hydrants are required for fire protection.

I therefore recommend the adoption of a resolution by the Board granting the desired permission.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay water-mains in Fresh Pond road, from the present main, near Olivet avenue, to Linden street, and in Frederick, Marshal, Grove and Linden streets, between Fresh Pond road and Forest avenue, in the Borough of Queens, and place eight (8) fire-hydrants thereon.

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Highways to grant a permit to open the streets for laying the above mains, upon presentation of the permit granted by the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, }
NEW YORK, September 11, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the letter of July 28, from the Secretary of your Board, inclosing communications and resolutions from the President of the Borough of Queens and the Board of Education of that borough, which were referred to me for investigation and report, I desire to state that, from report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find that there is no objection to the granting of permission to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay water-mains in Park avenue, between Washington and Junction avenues ; in Corona avenue, between Crown and Smith streets ; in Smith street, between Corona and Myrtle avenues ; in Junction avenue, between Grove and Forest streets, and in Forest street, between Junction avenue and Evergreen street. There are 78 houses and three public schools to be supplied with water

from these mains, on a distance of 7,800 linear feet, and 12 fire-hydrants will be necessary for fire protection.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

The following resolutions were thereupon adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to issue a permit to the Citizens' Water Supply Company to lay water-mains in Park avenue, between Washington and Junction avenues; in Corona avenue, between Crown and Smith streets; in Smith street, between Corona and Myrtle avenues; in Junction avenue, between Grove and Forest streets, and in Forest street, between Junction avenue and Evergreen street, in the Borough of Queens, and place twelve (12) fire-hydrants thereon.

Resolved, That authority be and is hereby given to the Commissioner of Highways to grant a permit to open streets for laying the above mains, upon presentation of the permit granted by the Commissioner of Water Supply.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Sewers were read and the matters laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, September 18, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit approximate estimate of cost for altering, rebuilding and improving receiving-basin on the southwest corner of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Trinity avenue, together with the assessed valuation of property to be benefited by the said improvement :

Estimated cost is	\$248 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment.....	25,100 00

Very respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, September 18, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit approximate estimate of cost for sewer and appurtenances in Bathgate avenue, between East One Hundred and Seventy-second street and Wendover avenue, together with the assessed valuation of property to be benefited by said improvement :

Estimated cost.....	\$5,115 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment.....	47,400 00

Very respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, September 18, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit estimate of cost, with the assessed valuation of property benefited, for altering, rebuilding and improving receiving-basins on Mott avenue, on the east side, about 470 feet north of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street ; on the northwest corner of Mott avenue and Cheever place; on the northeast corner of Mott avenue and East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street ; on the northeast corner of Mott avenue and east One Hundred and Fiftieth street.

Estimated cost is	\$885 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment.....	237,066 00

Very respectfully,

JAMES KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully submit the estimated cost and the assessed valuation of property to be benefited by the construction of sewers in the vicinity of Surf avenue and Buschman's walk, etc., at Coney Island, viz. :

- Steeplechase walk, from the Bowery to a point about 200 feet south.
- Tillyou's walk, from the Bowery to a point about 325 feet south.
- Tillyou's walk, from Surf avenue to a point about 150 feet south.
- Kensington's walk, from Surf avenue to a point about 550 feet south.
- Mikado walk, from Surf avenue to a point about 550 feet south.
- Buschman's walk, from Surf avenue to a point about 550 feet south.
- Schweickert's walk, from Surf avenue to a point about 550 feet south.
- Stratton's walk, from the Bowery to a point about 320 feet south.
- Thompson's walk, from the Bowery to a point about 300 feet south.
- Jones' walk, from Surf avenue to a point about 550 feet south.
- The Bowery, from Steeplechase to Jones' walk.

An unnamed walk 200 feet south of and parallel with the Bowery, between Steeplechase and Tillyou's walks.

Estimated cost is	\$24,000 00
Assessed valuation of property within the probable area of assessment	352,825 00

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

The following reports from the Commissioner of Highways were read and the matters were laid over :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
September 14, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In the matter of the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, June 8, 1899, recommending that Stebbins avenue, from Boston road to Westchester avenue, be paved with granite blocks, I beg to report that title to this avenue is vested in the City, and that the work of regulating and grading the roadway is nearly com-

pleted. A sewer has also been constructed throughout the entire length of the avenue, and it is necessary to pave the roadway as soon as possible. I therefore recommend that the improvement provided for in the resolution of the Local Board be authorized.

The estimated cost of the work is \$40,000, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$637,500.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
NO. 21 PARK ROW, NEW YORK, }
September 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have made an investigation regarding the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, May 4, 1899, recommending that Crotona avenue, from Boston road to Crotona Park, South, be paved with sheet asphalt on concrete foundation.

In reply, I beg to recommend that the proposed improvement be authorized, as I find it is necessary.

The estimated cost of the work is \$9,200, to be paid by assessment, and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$57,600.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
September 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—As requested, I beg to report as follows on the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, April 27, 1899, recommending that Dawson street, from Westchester avenue to Legget's lane, be paved with asphalt on concrete foundation :

Title to this street has been acquired by the City, and it is regulated, curbed and sewered. It also has a considerable number of buildings along its lines.

The asphalt pavement provided for in the resolution of the Local Board is necessary, and I recommend that the improvement be authorized. The estimated cost of the work is \$15,000, to be assessed on the property benefited. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$324,675.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
September 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Referring to the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, May 1, 1899, recommending that Timpson place, from One Hundred and Forty-seventh street to One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, be regulated and graded, curbstones set, and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where required, I beg to report that the proposed improvement is

necessary. I therefore recommend the authorization of the work at an estimated cost of \$6,000, to be paid by an assessment on the abutting and benefited property.

The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$18,525.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
September 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Acknowledging receipt of a letter dated June 23, from the Secretary of the Board, with a resolution adopted June 15, 1899, by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that Minford place be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and bridges built where necessary, from Jennings street to Boston road, I beg to report that this street has been legally opened, that a sewer has been constructed therein, and that a number of buildings have been erected, to which access is imperfect at present. It is therefore recommended that the improvement provided for in the resolution of the Local Board be authorized at an estimated cost of \$12,500, to be paid by assessment. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$126,700.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
September 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit the following report on the resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, June 8, 1899, recommending that East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, and fences erected where necessary, from Boscobel avenue to Marcher avenue ; said resolution having been received with a letter dated June 21 from the Secretary of the Board.

The proposed improvement is necessary and its authorization is therefore recommended. The estimated cost is \$5,000, to be assessed on the abutting and benefited property. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$25,200.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, {
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated June 7, 1899, from the Secretary of the Board, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street, from Jerome to Tremont avenue, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a

space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary, trees planted on sidewalks and the roadway paved with telford macadam. I have made an examination and find that the title to this street is vested in the City, and that a sewer has been constructed in the greater part of the roadway. The sewer manholes have been placed at the established grade, which is higher than the present surface of the street. This contracts the space available for traffic and makes the roadway dangerous. A number of residences have been erected on the line of the street, and it is necessary to carry out the improvement provided for in the resolution of the Local Board in order to afford convenient access to the dwellings on the line of the street, and to make the roadway safe for public travel. I therefore recommend that the improvement be authorized.

The estimated cost of the work is \$22,000 to be paid by assessment. The assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$223,900.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With a letter dated June 2, 1899, from the Board of Public Improvements, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that Oakland place, from Belmont avenue to Prospect avenue, be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, crosswalks laid and fences erected where necessary, trees planted on the sidewalks and the roadway paved with telford macadam.

The title to this street has not yet been acquired by the City, but it is in use for the width shown on the Final Maps, and corresponds in position to the lines thereof. There are a number of buildings on the street and the access to them is not very good. No sewer has yet been constructed, and, in my judgment, the proposed improvement should be postponed until title to the street is legally acquired by the City.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 17 TO 21 PARK ROW, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN,
September 14, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On July 24, 1899, I received, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Willis avenue and Brown place, be repaved with asphalt.

In reply I beg to report that the estimated cost of an asphalt pavement on that part of East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street is \$10,500, and that there are no funds to pay for the improvement at this time.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn was read and the matter was laid over :

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
September 19, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—On July 12 I transmitted to you a resolution of the Local Board of the Ninth District of this borough, recommending the construction of a sewer in Wyckoff avenue, between Myrtle avenue and Flushing avenue ; thence through Gardner avenue to Johnson avenue ; thence through Johnson avenue to Knickerbocker avenue (see pages 1582 and 1583 of your Minutes). This improvement is urgently needed, and I request may be passed at the earliest possible moment.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

The matter of paving One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, from Amsterdam avenue to the Boulevard, Borough of Manhattan, was referred to the President of the borough to have the resolution of the Local Board amended to conform to the suggestion of the Commissioner of Highways (Minutes, February 20, 1899, page 347).

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby rescinds its resolution of August 16 last for opening Crotona Park, East, from Crotona Park, South, to Boston road, and be it further

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the City acquire title to Crotona Park, East, from Crotona Park, South, to Southern Boulevard, in the Borough of The Bronx ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-second District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of W. W. Penfield and others, duly advertised and submitted the 14th day of September, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the City initiate proceedings for acquiring title to White Plains road (or avenue), from Morris Park avenue to the northerly boundary line of the Twenty-

fourth Ward, Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Timothy McAuliffe and others, duly advertised and submitted the 14th day of September, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Borough of The Bronx, be amended so as to show the lay-out of East One Hundred and Seventy-eighth street, from Southern Boulevard to Prospect avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of The Bronx was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting, September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Miller, Decker & Miller and others, submitted the 14th day of September, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a water-main be laid in Brook avenue where not already laid, in the vicinity of East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, Borough of The Bronx ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Highways :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that Railroad avenue be paved with granite-block pavement, from East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to the new platform proposed to be built by the Department of

Docks and Ferries within about 75 feet of the bulkhead-line of the Harlem river, Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That, on petition of Moses Green and others, duly advertised and submitted the 14th day of September, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street be regulated and graded, curbstones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, crosswalks laid, approaches built and fences erected where necessary, and that the carriageway be paved with granite-block pavement from Boston road to Union avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Jane Macarthur and others, duly advertised and submitted the 14th day of September, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street be paved with asphalt on concrete foundation, from Boston road to Prospect avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that the lots at the southeast corner of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street and St. Ann's avenue, running from said corner one hundred feet on the avenue and eighty feet on the street, be fenced in accordance with section 403 of the Greater New York Charter ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of The Bronx were referred to the Commissioner of Sewers :

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Mrs. S. J. Sherwood and others, duly advertised and submitted the 14th day of September, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, from the existing sewer in River avenue to Walton avenue, and in Walton avenue, between East One Hundred and Sixty-first street and East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, in the Borough of The Bronx ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN, President, Borough of The Bronx.

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK CITY, September 15, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—In accordance with section 384, chapter 378, Laws of 1897, I hereby certify that the following resolution was adopted by the Local Board, Twenty-first District, at its meeting September 14, 1899, viz. :

Resolved, That on petition of Francis Heine and others, duly advertised and submitted the 14th day of September, 1899, the Local Board, Twenty-first District, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that a sewer and appurtenances be constructed in East One Hundred and Eighty-third street, between Southern Boulevard and Adams place, and in Prospect avenue, from East One Hundred and Eighty-third street to Grote street, in the Borough of The Bronx ; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith to the said Board of Public Improvements.

Respectfully,

LOUIS F. HAFFEN President, Borough of The Bronx.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Queens were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, September 9, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition for legal opening of De Lap place, from Grand street to Bergen avenue, in Jamaica, Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of borough aforesaid, at its meeting of the 8th instant, copy of which is hereto annexed.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, After due publication of notice had in conformity with law, public hearing was given by this the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, at its meeting this

8th day of September, 1899, upon the petition to legally open De Lap place, from Grand street to Bergen avenue, in Jamaica, Fourth Ward, borough aforesaid ; and

Whereas, Robert A. Fordham, Esq., on behalf of the petitioners, stated to this Board that at the proper time the owners of lands on both sides of said De Lap place, as it now exists, would donate to The City of New York a strip of two and one-half feet on both sides to widen the street to fifty feet ; and

Whereas, It appears to this Board that such legal opening as petitioned for would be to the best interests of this City ; therefore

Resolved, That recommendation be and hereby is made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it initiate the proceedings necessary to make compliance with the desires of the petitioners as herein referred to.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, September 9, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition of property-owners for the laying out of public park in that section of the First Ward, Borough of Queens, which is shown on City Map as being bounded by Jackson avenue, Van Alst avenue and Ninth street, and which was approved of by the Local Board at its meeting on the 8th instant.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, The Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, did on December 14, 1898, approve of and favor a change of the map and plan of The City of New York by laying out a public park bounded by Jackson avenue, Van Alst avenue and Ninth street, in the First Ward, Borough of Queens, City of New York ; and

Whereas, The Municipal Assembly and the Mayor of New York City did take action upon the aforesaid in approval thereof ; now, for the purpose of having the necessary proceedings instituted by which The City of New York may acquire title to the above-bounded lands for use by the public as a park,

Resolved, That the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, in meeting assembled this 8th day of September, 1899, does hereby recommend to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it promptly initiate and cause to be progressed, the required action by which the ownership to said lands shall become vested in the City to be devoted to public park purposes, which this Board deems to be to the best interests of this City.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, }
LONG ISLAND CITY, September 9, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. M. F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, relative to petition for the laying out of public park in Corona Heights, Second Ward, Borough of Queens, was approved by the Local Board of said borough at its meeting held on the 8th instant.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, Public hearing was accorded the 8th day of September, 1899, by and before this the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, City of New York, upon the petition to the Board to

recommend that a plot of land, bounded by Corona avenue, Central avenue and Plateau street, in Corona, Second Ward, this borough, be set apart upon the City Map and title acquired thereto for a public park ; and

Whereas, At said hearing no opposition thereto was made, but the persons appearing on behalf of the petitioners asserted that same understood and were willing that the cost of such improvement would and should be borne by the abutting property, as provided by law,

Now, in view of the foregoing, and as it appears to us that such compliance with the desires of the petitioners would be to the best interests of this City, therefore

Resolved, That recommendation be and the same is hereby made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, that it take such action in the premises as will cause said plot of land to be incorporated in the city map of such section thereof, and appear thereon as a site for a public park, to be followed by proceedings whereby the City shall acquire title in fee thereto.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS,
LONG ISLAND CITY, September 9, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of resolution, relative to request for the equalization of water rates throughout the Third Ward of the Borough of Queens, was duly adopted by the Local Board of aforesaid borough at its meeting held on the 8th instant.

Yours very truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and he hereby is requested to renew the application of this Board made to the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, to cause the water rates throughout the Third Ward of this borough to be equalized to the rates as charged in the former Village of Flushing.

The following communications from the President of the Borough of Brooklyn were referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

SEPTEMBER 18, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, at a joint meeting held on September 18, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

Resolved, That the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, that proceedings be initiated to open Foster avenue, from the westerly line of Flatbush avenue to the easterly line of Coney Island road or avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Attached is copy of petition.

Very respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
September 18, 1899. }

Board of Public Improvements :

GENTLEMEN—The Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, at a joint meeting held on September 18, 1899, duly advertised, adopted the following :

“ Resolved, That the Local Boards of the Fifth and Eighth Districts, Borough of Brooklyn, after hearing had this 18th day of September, 1899, deeming it for the public interest so to do, hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York that sewers be constructed in the following streets :

Avenue G, from East Sixteenth street to Flatbush avenue ;

Flatbush avenue, from its westerly intersection with Avenue G, and Flatbush avenue to the easterly intersection of Flatbush avenue and Avenue G ;

Avenue G, from Flatbush to East Thirty-first street ;

East Thirty-first street, from Avenue G to Paerdegat avenue (south side) ;

Paerdegat avenue (south side), from East Thirty-first street to East Forty-fifth street ;

East Forty-fifth street, from Paerdegat avenue (south side) to Avenue G ;

Avenue G, from East Forty-fifth street to Paerdegat avenue (south side) ;

Paerdegat avenue (south side), from Avenue G to Flatlands avenue,

—in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

Attached is copy of petition and copy of report from the Department of Sewers.

Very respectfully,

EDWARD M. GROUT, President of the Borough.

(Copy.)

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, {
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, August 24, 1899. }

Hon. EDWARD M. GROUT, President, Borough of Brooklyn :

DEAR SIR—In reply to communication of August 4 from your office, requesting that you be furnished with a statement of the probable cost and the assessed valuation of real estate, for the construction of a sewer in Avenue G and East Sixteenth street, etc., in the Borough of Brooklyn, I beg leave to transmit to you copy of report furnished by the Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, in relation thereto. I am,

Very respectfully,

(Signed) MATTHEW F. DONOHUE,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers.

(Copy.)

CITY OF NEW YORK—BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, {
DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS,
August 22, 1899. }

Hon. MATTHEW F. DONOHUE, Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Sewers :

DEAR SIR—I respectfully present a copy of the petition from George P. Fiske and others, dated July 19, 1899, accompanied with a communication from the President of the borough, dated August 4, 1899, relative to the construction of sewers in Avenue G, from East Sixteenth street to Flatbush avenue.

This matter was referred to the Chief Engineer of Sewers, in the Borough of Brooklyn, who reports :

"The petition is descriptive of a main sewer, and as a slight error has been made in the naming of the streets through which it runs, in accordance with the adopted drainage district map of this vicinity, I have corrected the same, which is as follows :

Avenue G, from East Sixteenth street to Flatbush avenue.

Flatbush avenue, from its westerly intersection with Avenue G and Flatbush avenue to the easterly intersection of Flatbush avenue and Avenue G.

Avenue G, from Flatbush avenue to East Thirty-first street.

East Thirty-first street, from Avenue G to Paerdegat avenue (south side).

Paerdegat avenue (south side), from East Thirty-first street to East Forty-fifth street.

East Forty-fifth street, from Paerdegat avenue (south side) to Avenue G.

Avenue G, from East Forty-fifth street to Paerdegat avenue (south side).

Paerdegat avenue (south side), from Avenue G to Flatlands avenue.

The part petitioned for in East Seventy-third street should have been Paerdegat avenue (south side), as above mentioned.

The estimated cost for the construction of these sewers is \$227,000 ; the assessed valuation within the probable area of assessment, as near as it can be obtained, is \$1,509,450.

No record can be found of the legal opening of any of the above streets except that under the heading of Flatbush avenue.

The construction of this main would provide for the proper sewerage and draining of at least 260 houses, and its construction would be a great benefit to the people in the vicinity.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) WM. BRENNAN,

Deputy Commissioner of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Sewers was referred to the Chief Topographical Engineer :

DEPARTMENT OF SEWERS—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, }
New York, September 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—I herewith transmit petition of Mr. Frederick C. Cecheu, with copy of contract and agreement with The City of New York, with the proper sureties, etc., for a permit to build a private sewer in Seventy-second street, between Third and Sixth avenues, in the Borough of Brooklyn, at his own private cost and expense ; the same to be done under the supervision and direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, and I ask your approval of the same.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. KANE, Commissioner of Sewers.

On motion of the President of the Borough of Queens, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 415 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the construction of a City sewerage disposal plant, and the completion of the sewerage system at Jamaica, now Fourth Ward, Borough of Queens, under the direction of the Commissioner of Sewers, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing, in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed

value, according to the last preceding tax-roll, of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being ninety-four thousand dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is three million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Comptroller, Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, Commissioner of Sewers, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, Commissioner of Bridges, President of the Borough of Queens and President of the Board.

Negative—None.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York met at the office of the Board, No. 21 Park row, on Wednesday, September 27, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to notice.

The roll was called and the following members were present and answered to their names :

The Commissioner of Water Supply (Deputy Commissioner Haslin), the Commissioner of Highways, the Commissioner of Sewers, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, the Commissioner of Bridges, the President of the Borough of The Bronx, the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the President of the Borough of Queens and the President of the Borough of Richmond.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Shea presided.

The minutes of the meeting of September 13, 1899, were approved.

The matter of the widening of Cauldwell avenue was taken up, and the Secretary was directed to forward to the Municipal Assembly the resolution adopted by the Board on July 19, 1899 (Minutes, p. 1605).

In the matter of laying out approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, a report from the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing on September 27, in accordance with the provisions of the statute. Nobody appearing in opposition to the proposed improvement, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 13th day of September, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby, of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 27th day of September, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of September, 1899; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out, who have appeared, and such proposed laying out was duly considered by this Board; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out the new approaches to the bridge over the Harlem river at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out the new approaches to the aforesaid bridge, as follows :

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street with the western line of Madison avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the western line of Madison avenue for 199.83 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.

2d. Thence westerly along said line for 20 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 199.83 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.

4th. Thence easterly for 20 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street with the eastern line of Madison avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Madison avenue for 199.83 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street.

2d. Thence easterly along said line for 20 feet.

3d. Thence southerly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 199.83 feet to the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.

4th. Thence westerly for 20 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "C."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street with the western line of Madison avenue.

1st. Thence westerly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 420 feet to the easterly line of Fifth avenue.

2d. Thence northerly along said line for 90 feet.

3d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right for 295.32 feet.

4th. Thence easterly deflecting 28 degrees 08 minutes 42 seconds to the left for 141.40 feet to western line of Madison avenue.

5th. Thence southerly for 156.7 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "D."

Beginning at the intersection of the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street with the eastern line of Madison avenue.

1st. Thence easterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 174.67 feet to the western United States pierhead-line of the Harlem river.

2d. Thence northerly, deflecting 116 degrees 2 minutes 54 seconds to the left along the said pierhead-line for 222.43 feet.

3d. Thence still northerly deflecting 2 degrees 5 minutes 48 seconds to the left along the said pierhead-line for 36.02 feet.

4th. Thence westerly deflecting 90 degrees to the left for 68.05 feet to the eastern line of Madison avenue.

5th. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Madison avenue for 199.50 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "E."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Exterior street, as shown on section 7 of the Final Maps of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

1st. Thence southerly along the westerly line of Exterior street for 51.67 feet.

2d. Thence westerly, deflecting 104 degrees 36 minutes to the right for 181.47 feet.

3d. Thence still westerly, deflecting 9 degrees 55 minutes 1 second to the left for 82.98 feet to the eastern United States pierhead-line of the Harlem river.

4th. Thence northerly, deflecting 71 degrees 55 minutes 43 seconds to the right along said pierhead-line for 52.6 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

5th. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 103.63 feet to an angle point.

6th. Thence still easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 172.79 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "F."

Beginning at the intersection of the western line of Mott avenue with the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

1st. Thence southerly along the western line of Mott avenue for 32.66 feet.

2d. Thence westerly, deflecting 87 degrees 12 minutes 38 seconds to the right for 356.30 feet to the eastern line of Exterior street.

3d. Thence northerly, deflecting 78 degrees 11 minutes 22 seconds to the right along the eastern line of Exterior street for 51.66 feet to the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

4th. Thence easterly along the southern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street for 368.90 feet to the point of beginning.

Exterior street, south of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, to be reduced in width from 100 feet to 80 feet ; and that portion of Exterior street between East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and lying west of the 80-foot street, to be discontinued and closed.

Description of Changes of Grades of Exterior Street and of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street.

Parcel A—Exterior street, between Park avenue and Cheever place.

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Exterior street and Park avenue, the elevation to be 9.0 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

2d. Thence northerly along the eastern curb-line of Exterior street to an angle point, the elevation to be 7.8 feet above mean high-water datum.

3d. Thence northerly to the intersection of Exterior street and East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, the elevation to be 18.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

4th. Thence northerly along the western curb-line of Exterior street to an angle point, the elevation to be 15.5 feet above mean high-water datum.

5th. Thence northerly to the intersection of Exterior street and Cheever place, the elevation to be 17.0 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

Parcel B—East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, between Harlem river and the New York and Harlem Railroad.

1st. Beginning at the United States pier and bulkhead-line, the elevation to be 6.0 feet above mean high-water datum as heretofore.

2d. Thence easterly to the intersection of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Exterior street, the elevation to be 18.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

3d. Thence easterly to the intersection of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Mott avenue, the elevation to be 12.0 feet above mean high-water datum.

4th. Thence easterly to the intersection with New York and Harlem Railroad, the elevation to be 8.5 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

All elevations refer to the mean high-water as established in the Borough of The Bronx.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York, by laying out the new approaches to the bridge at East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Mayor for his approval.

In the matter of the proposed laying out and extending of West One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to Edgecombe road, in the Borough of Manhattan, a report from the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing, as provided by law. The following protest was then submitted :

To the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York :

William A. Spencer, Charles G. Spencer and Wolcott G. Lane, as Trustees under the will of Lorillard Spencer, deceased, for the benefit of Eleanor L. S. Cenci and remaindermen, the said William A. Spencer, Charles G. Spencer and Wolcott G. Lane, as Trustees under the will of Lorillard Spencer, deceased, for the benefit of Lorillard Spencer and remaindermen, and the said William A. Spencer and Charles G. Spencer, individually, being the owners as tenants in common of all the land lying in the northerly half of the proposed bed of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, between St. Nicholas avenue and Edgecombe road, and of a strip of land about fifteen feet in width on the northerly side of said proposed One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, and Eleanor L. S. Cenci, the owner of a lot of land situated on the easterly side of St. Nicholas avenue, and immediately adjoining on the north the land last above mentioned, respectfully submit the following objections to the proposed opening of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to Edgecombe road :

1. There is no general demand for the opening of any such street between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets.
2. If there is a demand for the opening of any such street between St. Nicholas avenue and Edgecombe road, the street which should be opened is One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, which is equi-distant between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets.
3. The opening of One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street would be attended with less expense than the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, as there is a decidedly less grade and much less filling.
4. Taxpayers have already paid considerable assessments on property in this immediate neighborhood, and will soon be subjected to further large assessments for the opening of Edgecombe road, and should not at this time be further assessed for the opening of an unnecessary street.
5. The petition to the President of the Borough of Manhattan is signed by John Creeden, and is stated to be signed by five others, without giving their names. This method of procedure is irregular, and should not be countenanced by the Board of Public Improvements.

Dated New York, September 27, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. SPENCER,
CHARLES G. SPENCER,
WOLCOTT G. LANE,

as Trustees, etc., by HOWARD C. TRACY, Attorney.

WILLIAM A. SPENCER,
by HOWARD C. TRACY, Attorney.

CHARLES G. SPENCER,
by HOWARD C. TRACY, Attorney.

ELEANOR L. S. CENCI,
by HOWARD C. TRACY, Attorney.

The matter was referred back to the Local Board for the further consideration of that body.

In the matter of the laying out of an addition to the park at Ogden avenue, Jerome avenue and Woody Crest avenue, etc., Borough of The Bronx, a report from the Secretary was read, showing that the matter had been duly advertised for a hearing, as provided by law. Nobody appearing in opposition, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, At a meeting of this Board, held on the 6th day of September, 1899, resolutions were adopted proposing to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out an addition to the park at Ogden avenue, Jerome avenue and Woody Crest avenue, and a new street north of said park and between Ogden avenue and Woody Crest avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, and for a meeting of this Board to be held in the office of this Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which such proposed laying out would be considered by this Board, and for a notice to all persons affected thereby of the aforesaid time and place at which such proposed laying out would be considered, to be published in the CITY RECORD for at least ten days continuously, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the 27th day of September, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It appears from the affidavit of the Supervisor of the City Record that the aforesaid resolutions and notice have been published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 27th day of September, 1899 ; and

Whereas, At the aforesaid time and place, a public hearing was given to all persons affected by such proposed laying out who have appeared, and such proposed laying out was duly considered by this Board ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out an addition to the park at Ogden avenue, Jerome avenue and Woody Crest avenue, and a new street north of said park, and between Ogden avenue and Woody Crest avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out the aforesaid addition and street as follows :

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Ogden avenue distant 280.62 feet northerly from the intersection of the northern side of Jerome avenue with the eastern side of Ogden avenue.

1st. Thence northerly along the easterly line of Ogden avenue for 56.04±feet ;

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right to the western line of Woody Crest avenue for 211.14±feet.

3d. Thence westerly for 218.45±feet to the point of beginning.

Technical Description of New Street, Between Ogden and Woody Crest Avenues.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Ogden avenue, distant 336.66 feet northerly from the intersection of the northern line of Jerome avenue and the eastern line of Ogden avenue ;

1st. Thence northerly on the eastern line of Ogden avenue for 60 feet ;

2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right to the western line of Woody Crest avenue for 218.64±feet ;

3d. Thence southerly along the western line of Woody Crest avenue for 60.47±feet ;

4th. Thence westerly for 211.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, approving of the above-named proposed change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out the above-named addition and street adopted by this Board, together with a statement of its reasons therefor, be transmitted to the Municipal Assembly for its action thereon.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York, as follows :

That in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out an addition to the park at Ogden avenue, Jerome avenue and Woody Crest avenue, and a new street north of said park and between Ogden avenue and Woody Crest avenue, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same, so as to lay out the aforesaid addition and street as follows :

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Ogden avenue distant 280.62 feet northerly from the intersection of the northern side of Jerome avenue with the eastern side of Ogden avenue.

- 1st. Thence northerly along the eastern line of Ogden avenue for 56.04± feet ;
- 2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right to the western line of Woody Crest avenue for 211.14± feet ;
- 3d. Thence westerly for 218.45± feet to the point of beginning.

Technical Description of New Street between Ogden and Woodycrest Avenues.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Ogden avenue, distant 336.66 feet northerly from the intersection of the northern line of Jerome avenue and the eastern line of Ogden avenue.

- 1st. Thence northerly on the eastern line of Ogden avenue for 60 feet.
- 2d. Thence easterly deflecting 90 degrees to the right to the western line of Woodycrest avenue for 218.64± feet.
- 3d. Thence southerly along the western line of Woodycrest avenue for 60.47± feet.
- 4th. Thence westerly for 211.14 feet to the point of beginning.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU, September 22, 1899.

Hon. JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :

SIR—I have the honor to submit herewith, for the consideration of the Board of Public Improvements and for the purpose of giving a public hearing prior to adoption, a map entitled : “Map or Plan showing a general design for a system of avenue, streets, public parks and public squares or places, of parkways and waterways, in that part of the Second Ward of the Borough

of Queens (forming part of the former Town of Newtown), and bounded by the Borough of Brooklyn, Cooper avenue, St. John's Cemetery, Remsen's lane, North Hempstead Plank road, Flushing creek, Flushing bay and the East river."

This section embraces a part of the former Town of Newtown and covers about 11,000 acres, while the total area of Newtown is 13,760 acres. This district concentrates within its limits the greatest variety of ideas how a piece of property can be laid out, and makes it therefore extremely difficult to perfect a plan which at the same time will be tending to develop the district and be acceptable to the individual property-holders. It was, therefore, the endeavor to retain as far as possible the existing streets, and to connect the streets on the adjoining plan when permissible without interfering with the general direction of the system. Where the systems were entirely at variance, then the most important one was accepted and the less important one disregarded entirely.

The next aim was to make direct communication possible between the main settlements by diagonal wide avenues and to connect the parks by parkways from Brooklyn, Long Island City and Jamaica. The chief points of interest will be the Shore Park and Park Drive from North Beach, where a park is proposed to Flushing along the shore of Flushing bay. This shore drive is destined to rival Riverside drive in beauty and extended scenery. A beautiful view can be had up the Sound for miles, and the waters of Flushing bay will give opportunity for all kinds of water sport. The City is to acquire all the land from the drive to the shore and no obstruction to a full view will ever be possible.

The district embraced in this plan contains the following villages, settlements, etc. :

(1st) Glendale, (2d) St. James Park, (3d) Ridgewood Heights, (4th) Evergreen, (5th) Wycoff Heights (6th) Metropolitan, (7th) Fresh Pond, (8th) Lincoln Hill, (9th) Melvina, (10th) Maspeth, (11th) Berlinville, (12th) Laurel Hill, (13th) Woodside Heights, (14th) Woodside, (15th) Charlotteville, (16th) North Woodside, (17th) Hyatt Heights, (18th) Locust Grove, (19th) Windfield, (20th) Mount Pleasant, (21st) Maspeth Heights, (22d) Middle Village, (23d) Newtown Heights, (24th) Nassau Heights, (25th) Newtown, (26th) Elmhurst, (27th) Corona Park, (28th) Corona Heights, (29th) Corona, (30th) Louona Park, (31st) North Beach, and the following cemeteries are within its boundaries : (1st) Lutheran Cemetery, (2d) Mount Olivet Cemetery, (3d) Linden Hill Cemetery, (4th) Ahawith Chesed Cemetery, (5th) Calvary Cemetery, (6th) New Calvary Cemetery, (7th) Mount Zion Cemetery and (8th) St. Michael's Cemetery.

The question how this section of Newtown will develop ; which portions will be given to business and which to residential purposes, will show itself in the same way as in all inland sections where towns begin to spring up. The water-courses and the railroads will attract business interests, and the higher lying sections will be reserved for home sights, schools, etc. The unfortunate fact of having eight cemeteries scattered over this part of Newtown, in the most attractive sections, will probably prevent people of means from selecting this part of the borough for the erection of costly buildings.

The main agitation in recent times was created by the proposition to construct a canal, thereby connecting Newtown creek by way of Maspeth creek, Horse brook and Flushing creek with Flushing bay. The tide elevations at the two end points observed at the same time differ by two feet, and, since the water in Flushing bay at high tide is kept longer on the same elevation, it is claimed that such canal would act as a purifier of Newtown creek, which is noted for its extremely foul and unclean condition.

Observations made during the last few months seem to verify the assertion, and the question arises whether such communication between the Flushing bay and Newtown creek shall be obtained by an open canal by an underground conduit.

Comparative designs were made ; one for an open canal of 200 feet in width with 100-foot avenues running parallel thereto and 100 feet therefrom on both sides, and another design showing basins on the Newtown creek side up to the New Calvary Cemetery, and on the Flushing side as far as Newtown, said basins to be connected by an underground conduit located under the streets.

A thorough investigation was also made for the purpose of ascertaining whether a current could be maintained through a conduit located under the streets.

A thorough investigation was also made for the purpose of ascertaining whether a current could be maintained through a conduit to be constructed under said avenues, which would serve as a sewer to drain the water-shed of that section of Newtown, and at the same time furnish a supply of clean salt water from Flushing bay through Flushing creek, into Newtown creek, for the purpose of improving its sanitary condition. The result was found satisfactory.

The open canal plan met with almost insurmountable difficulties on account of the railroad intersections, the wanton destruction of the most valuable property in Newtown, and the necessity of constructing and maintaining a number of drawbridges, and the difficulty of navigation on account of the sharp curves between Fisk avenue and Covert avenue, a distance of nearly one and one-half miles. I have come to the conclusion, therefore, that a plan showing a canal 200 feet wide from Newtown creek up the Maspeth creek to Covert avenue, and one up the Flushing creek and Horse brook to Newtown, is best adapted to the future necessity of the district, both canals to be connected by an underground conduit. This conduit will follow the main avenues running at the lowest level and should be provided with gates in order to have the flow of water under perfect control.

The length of the Maspeth creek basin is 5,400 feet.

The length of the Flushing creek basin and canal is 20,000 feet.

Relative to the rapid transit facilities, I can say that the Long Island Railroad traverses the territory in every direction, and that the many wide avenues can accommodate all the electric railroads wherever needed.

The submitted plan defines 115 miles of 100-foot streets and avenues, 231 miles of 60-foot streets and avenues, eight and one-half miles of 150-foot parkways, 290 acres of parks, 217 acres marginal park between the Boulevard and bulkhead lines, and six miles of canals and basins.

The water front facing on Flushing bay has a length of three miles.

Length of canal from Newtown creek to New Calvary Cemetery is 5,400 feet.

Length of canal from Flushing bay to Newtown (Hoffman Boulevard) 20,000 feet.

Length of underground conduit between New Calvary Cemetery and Newtown 12,200 feet, making a total of 37,600 feet between Flushing bay and Newtown creek, equal to 7.1 miles.

A detailed technical description of every avenue and street will not be necessary, since the submitted plan is a design for a new layout of the district, and since an examination of the plan itself gives a clearer representation than any written description can convey.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted :

Whereas, In pursuance of section 433 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, the President of this Board has prepared and submitted to this Board, for its concurrence and approval, a map or plan "showing a general design for a system of streets, avenues, public squares and places, parks, bridges, etc., in that part of the Second Ward (formerly Town of Newtown), in the Borough of Queens, lying westerly of Cooper avenue, St. John's Cemetery, Remsen's lane and North Hempstead plank road," dated August 1, 1899.

Resolved, That this Board will consider the said map or plan submitted to this Board at a meeting of this Board, to be held on Wednesday, October 18, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M., at which meeting a public hearing will be given to all persons affected by said proposed general design of

locating and laying out said part of the Borough of Queens, in The City of New York, formerly known as the Town of Newtown.

Resolved, That notice of such meeting to be held by this Board and of such public hearing be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days prior to the 18th day of October, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

SEPTEMBER 25, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements* :

SIR—I have the honor to recommend and submit herewith, for the consideration of the Board of Public Improvements, the following modifications of the map or plan of The City of New York, as provided by section 436 of chapter 378 of the Laws of 1897 :

The establishing of a public park, elliptical in form, at the intersection of One Hundred and Tenth street and Seventh avenue, as shown on the plans hereto annexed.

PUBLIC PLACE AT INTERSECTION OF ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH STREET AND SEVENTH AVENUE.

The establishing of a public place at the intersection of One Hundred and Tenth street and Seventh avenue is advisable for the following reasons :

The present northern entrance to Central Park at this point is narrow and restricted, and will be entirely inadequate in the future for driving purposes.

Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street north, is practically a part of our park system, being the connecting link between Central Park and the various parkways located in the Borough of The Bronx, i. e., the small park at the southern terminus of Macomb's Dam or Central Bridge ; the Twenty-third Ward Park at the northerly end of Central Bridge, the lands for which have been acquired by the City ; the great viaduct from Central Bridge connecting with the Grand Boulevard and Concourse at One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and thence northerly to Mosholu parkway, with Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx and Pelham Parks, including the Botanical and Zoological Gardens, furnishing a continuous park driveway from Fifty-ninth street to the extreme northern boundary of the city.

In addition to being the connecting link between the various parts of our park system, Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street north, is the only driveway running northward from the Central Park of the city, now unobstructed by street railways and devoted almost exclusively to driving.

It presents from the northern end of Central Park an uninterrupted view two miles in extent, one hundred and fifty feet in width and practically level.

TERRACING THE NORTHERLY END OF CENTRAL PARK.

Should the proposed public place and the entrance to Central Park be thus enlarged, it would be practicable for the Park Commissioners to terrace the northerly end of the park, which is at present a rocky and wooded summit, about sixty feet in height, thus affording to park visitors a superb view of the driveway to the north, and making this commanding site one of the most beautiful spots in the park.

PERMANENT SITE FOR DEWEY ARCH OR MEMORIAL.

One of the most important uses to which the proposed public place would be put would be in providing a permanent location for the Dewey Arch, now in process of construction, com-

memorating the immortal achievements of the nation's greatest naval commander, Admiral Dewey.

The suggestion that the arch be allowed to remain permanently on its present temporary site in Madison square cannot be seriously entertained by anyone who is familiar with the needs of traffic in that seriously congested locality.

The place indicated, however, One Hundred and Tenth street and Seventh avenue, known as "Warriors' Gate," a very suggestive name, is perfectly adapted to this purpose.

In the heart of our park system, midway between lower Fifth avenue and the various parks to the north, it is also but a short distance from Morningside Heights, a part of the city which is already adorned with a number of our finest public or semi-public buildings, such as Columbia College, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Luke's Hospital and Grant's tomb, and which in the near future will probably be devoted almost exclusively to buildings of a similar character.

SEVENTH AVENUE RENAMED DEWEY PARKWAY.

In this connection it would be entirely proper to change the name of Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street north, to Dewey parkway. An analogous case is to be found in Lenox avenue, which is but a continuation of what is known as Sixth avenue to the south of Central Park.

In my official capacity as Chief Topographical Engineer of your Honorable Board, I have given the matter of a permanent site for the Dewey arch careful and earnest consideration, and I am convinced that it will be impossible to find any other location in The City of New York which, at so slight a cost, offers equal advantages for such purpose to those presented by the place I have suggested.

I recommend, therefore, that a public hearing be given in this matter and transmit herewith a map or plan showing the proposed changes, with a technical description of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS A. RISSE,

Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a public place at the intersection of Seventh avenue and West One Hundred and Tenth street, in the Twelfth Ward, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

PARCEL "A."

Beginning at a point in the western house-line of Seventh avenue, distant 110 feet 10 ± inches southerly from the intersection of the southern house-line of West One Hundredth and Eleventh street and the westerly house-line of Seventh avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the westerly house-line of Seventh avenue for 61 ± feet to the northerly house line of Cathedral Parkway.

2d. Thence westerly along the northern house-line of Cathedral Parkway for 85.0 ± feet.

3d. Thence northeasterly along a curve whose radius is 108 ± feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL "B."

Beginning at a point in the eastern house-line of Seventh avenue, distant 110 feet 10 inches $\pm$ southerly from the intersection of the southern house-line of West One Hundredth and Eleventh street and the eastern house-line of Seventh avenue.

1st. Thence southerly along the eastern line of Seventh avenue for 61 $\pm$ feet to the northern house-line of West One Hundred and Tenth street.

2d. Thence easterly along the northern house-line of West One Hundred and Tenth street for 85 $\pm$ feet.

3d. Thence northwesterly along a curve whose radius is 108 $\pm$ feet to the point of beginning.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed laying out of the above-named public place and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares, or places, sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed laying out of the above-named public place at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 18th day of October, 1899, at two o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed laying out of the above-named public place will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 18th day of October, 1899.

The following report from the Chief Topographical Engineer was read :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,
TOPOGRAPHICAL BUREAU,
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE,
September 21, 1899.

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements :*

SIR—In reply to the action taken by the Board of Public Improvements, referring for report a communication of the Department of Parks of the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, requesting the permission to change the grade of Fort Hamilton avenue between Eightieth street and Eighty-sixth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, said Fort Hamilton avenue, being under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks, I report as follows :

That part of Fort Hamilton avenue affected by the change of grades lies in the Thirtieth Ward, former Town of New Utrecht, Borough of Brooklyn, and has a southwesterly course.

The application for the change of grades is made to legalize an error made by the Department of Parks, the Department having regulated and macadamized Fort Hamilton avenue, between Eightieth street and Eighty-sixth street to the grades as changed.

Eighty-third street is being cut through east of the avenue, and will probably also conform to the present Fort Hamilton avenue.

Eighty-fourth street is being regulated and graded, and a 20-foot strip macadamized by the Borough Construction Company, under contract with the City, they being instructed to conform to Fort Hamilton avenue as regulated, but retaining all other grades.

Eighty-fifth street has been graded west of Fort Hamilton avenue, and is slightly higher than the paving on the avenue, but can be made to conform to the proposed grades. No damage will be done to any buildings.

Eighty-sixth street has a double line of trolley car tracks, and is paved between and about eighteen inches to either side of tracks by trap-block pavement. Considering the trees planted on both sides of Eighty-sixth street, there is no doubt the change of grade will be beneficial.

On Fort Hamilton avenue, between the limits of the proposed change of grade, there are only two houses. They are not built on the side lines and are about six feet above the grade; it is therefore apparent that, under the circumstances, no material change of conditions will be made.

Believing it to be in the best interest of the property-owners to legalize the proposed grades, I recommend the approval of a plan and profile, showing the proposed change of grades on Fort Hamilton avenue, and have prepared the accompanying plan and profile and technical descriptions for the consideration of the Board of Public Improvements and for a public hearing.

The papers in the matter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

LOUIS A. RISSE,
Chief Topographical Engineer and Engineer of Concourse.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest so to do, propose to alter the map or plan of The City of New York by changing the grades of Fort Hamilton avenue, from Eightieth street to Eighty-eighth street, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, more particularly described as follows :

1st. Beginning at the intersection of Fort Hamilton avenue and Eightieth street, the elevation to be 76.0 feet above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

2d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Eighty-first street, the elevation to be 78.14 feet above mean high-water datum.

3d. Thence westerly to the intersection of Eighty-second street, the elevation to be 80.28 feet above mean high-water datum.

4th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Eighty-third street, the elevation to be 82.42 feet above mean high-water datum.

5th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Eighty-fourth street, the elevation to be 84.57 feet above mean high-water datum.

6th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Eighty-fifth street, the elevation to be 86.27 feet above mean high-water datum.

7th. Thence westerly to the intersection of Eighty-sixth street, the elevation to be 88.10 feet above mean high-water datum.

8th. Thence westerly from the intersection point of the centre lines of Fort Hamilton avenue

and Eighty-sixth street for 130 feet, the elevation to be 88.51 feet $\pm$ above mean high-water datum, as heretofore.

All elevations refer to the mean high-water datum as established by the Department of Highways, Borough of Brooklyn.

Resolved, That the President of this Board cause to be prepared for submission to this Board three similar maps or plans, for certification and filing in the manner required by law, showing as nearly as possible the nature and extent of the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue, and the location of the immediate adjacent or intersecting open or established public streets, avenues, roads, squares, or places sufficient for the identification or location thereof.

Resolved, That this Board consider the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue at a meeting of this Board, to be held in the office of this Board on the 18th day of October, 1899, at two o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board cause these resolutions, and a notice to all persons affected thereby, that the proposed change of grades of the above-named avenue will be considered at a meeting of this Board to be held at the aforesaid time and place, to be published in the CITY RECORD and corporation newspapers for ten days continuously, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, prior to the 18th day of October, 1899.

The following communication from the Municipal Assembly was read :

AN ORDINANCE locating and laying out a public park, bounded by the Southern Boulevard, Willis avenue, East One Hundred and Thirty-second street and Brown place, Borough of The Bronx.

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 436 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 10th day of May, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, viz. :

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements of The City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, deeming it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of the City of New York by locating and laying out a public park bounded by the Southern Boulevard, Willis avenue, East One Hundred and Thirty-second street and Brown place, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, for the purpose of establishing an approach to the Willis Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, from the southerly side of the Southern Boulevard, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, does hereby favor and approve of the same so as to locate and lay out the aforesaid public park, as follows :

Beginning at the intersection of the southern line of Southern Boulevard with the eastern line of Willis avenue.

1st. Thence southwesterly along the eastern line of Willis avenue for 200 feet to the northern side of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

2d. Thence southeasterly along the northern line of East One Hundred and Thirty-second street for 820 feet to the western line of Brown place.

3d. Thence northeasterly along the western line of Brown place for 200 feet to the southern line of Southern Boulevard.

4th. Thence northwesterly along the southern line of Southern Boulevard for 820 feet to the point of beginning.

Compared and correct :

D. McCoy.

W. V. E.

Adopted by the Council August 2, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen September 12, 1899, two-thirds of all the members elected voting in favor thereof, having been first advertised as required by law.

Approved by the Mayor September 19, 1899.

P. J. SCULLY, City Clerk.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, Both houses of the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York have concurred in the resolution adopted by this Board on the 10th May, 1899, to favor and approve of a change in the map or plan of The City of New York by laying out a public park bounded by the Southern Boulevard, Willis avenue, East One Hundred and Thirty-second street and Brown place, for the purpose of establishing an approach to the Willis Avenue Bridge over the Harlem river, from the southerly side of the Southern Boulevard, in the Borough of The Bronx, City of New York, by passing an ordinance, adopting and approving of the same by a two-thirds vote, and the same having received the approval of the Mayor on the 19th September, 1899, as appears from the certificate of the City Clerk, received by the Board on September 22, 1899; and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of section 436 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, by the adoption of said ordinance by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the said Municipal Assembly, and approval thereof by the Mayor, such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York is deemed to have been made; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board, in pursuance of section 437 of chapter 378, Laws of 1897, be and he is hereby directed to certify the three similar maps or plans, which the President of this Board has caused to be made and submitted to this Board, showing such said change in the map or plan of The City of New York as above described, and to file the same as follows: One copy so certified in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, one copy in the office of the Corporation Counsel and one copy in the office of this Board.

In the matter of parks bounded by Fordham road, Aqueduct avenue, East One Hundred and Eighty-eighth street and Andrews avenue, report of the Secretary was read showing that same had been duly advertised for a hearing as provided by law.

As no one appeared in the matter, it was laid over.

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Queens was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

BOROUGH OF QUEENS, LONG ISLAND CITY, September 27, 1899.

Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President :

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned hereby certifies that the annexed copy of preamble and resolution, calling upon the Board of Public Improvements to initiate the necessary proceedings for The City of New York to condemn lands in the Borough of Queens as public water sources, and to erect and maintain its water plants to furnish the inhabitants of said section with city water, was duly adopted by the Local Board of this borough at its meeting held on the 22d instant.

Yours truly,

FREDERICK BOWLEY, President.

Whereas, In an opinion of the Corporation Counsel of The City of New York, which was rendered by the Comptroller of same city, dated April 12, 1899, a copy of which was transmitted by the former to the Board of Public Improvements, and is to be found upon the minutes of said Board on same date as aforesated, it appears that the contract between the Woodhaven Water Supply Company, party of the first part, and the Town of Jamaica, by its Town Board, and which bears date of June 15, 1894, would expire on May 1, 1899 ; and

Whereas, Upon the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Public Improvements held July 17, 1899, there is a copy of opinion of the Corporation Counsel to the Comptroller, by which it appears that the contract entered into between the Jamaica Township Water Company and the Town Board of Jamaica, dated June 8, 1894, expired May 1, 1899 ; and

Whereas, It further appears thereby, that the separate contracts entered into between the Jamaica Water Supply Company and the Town Board of Jamaica, bearing date December 30, 1897, the one to supply water to the hydrants in the Hollis Water Supply District, and the other for similar purposes to the Queens Water Supply District, that none of said contracts is binding upon The City of New York, and that the contract of agreement of November 30, 1898, made by the Commissioner of Water Supply, City of New York, with said water company, cannot be considered as ratifying or giving force and effect to said contract of December 30, 1897, or any of them ; and

Whereas, It also appears thereby that chapter 678, of the Laws of 1896, limits the term for which Town Boards could contract for a supply of water for fire, sanitary or other public purposes to a period of five years, and from other sources, that the contract between the Citizens Water Supply Company and the Board of Town Officers of the Town of Newtown, bears date of January 6, 1894 ; and

Whereas, The contract entered into between the Citizens Water Company of Newtown Long Island, and The City of New York, to supply unto said city water for all public and private purposes on the Long Island side of the East river will expire in the year 1901 ; and

Whereas, The aforementioned and other private water companies located in the Borough of Queens are engaged in the business of supplying to the inhabitants of said borough water obtained within the boundaries thereof, beside which the City operates seven water plants therein ; and

Whereas, It is in accord with public sentiment, and with the recently publicly reiterated expressions of opinions by capable and representative citizens of New York City, and in keeping with the tendency of action by the officials in charge of the water supply of other cities in this and other countries, that the water sources and plants from and by which water is supplied to the public should be owned by the people, being generally expressed thereby the phrase " Municipal Ownership of Public Franchises " ; and

Whereas, All delays in putting aforesaid public policy into execution, during which time permits are continuously granted by The City of New York to the many private water corporations to extend their mains through the streets of this Borough of The City of New York, is but aiding such corporations in greatly enhancing the value of their water sources, plants and business, and permitting and encouraging them to obtain and attach other sources of water supply thereto situated on Long Island, both in and outside of this borough, as against the City acquiring lands as water sources for public use and ownership, and placing the City in such a position by its inaction as to become compelled by constantly increasing demands for water to further enter into contracts with private water corporations to supply the people of this section of The City of New York as aforesaid, with their requirements for supply of water for fire, sanitary, public, manufacturing and domestic purposes.

Now in view of the foregoing premises and other well recognized reasons, purposes, claims and demands in respect to foregoing subject and those whose duties relate thereto, be and it is hereby

Resolved, That recommendation be and hereby is made to the Board of Public Improvements of this City, that it promptly initiate, progress and urge special attention, in the necessary proceedings for the condemnation, purchase and extinguishment of all rights unto The City of New York of the ownership of lands as water sources, other than those being at present operated by private water corporations, and the City to build and maintain public water plants, and extend its water-mains wherever requisite to supply the people of this borough with city water, and connect its fire-hydrants to such public water-mains.

The following resolution, submitted by the President of the Borough of Queens, was referred to the Commissioner of Water Supply :

Resolved, That this, the Board of Public Improvements, City of New York, in meeting assembled this 27th day of September, 1899, does hereby accept of the recommendation of the Local Board of the Borough of Queens, that the City acquire title in fee of the lands in said borough suitable for public water sources (other than those at present operated by private water corporations therein), and that the City erect and maintain public water plants and works therein and extend its water mains, in order that the inhabitants of that section of the City may be supplied with water by the City, and not be depending upon private water corporations ; and direct that proceedings be instituted by and under the direction of this Board for the purpose of accomplishing the objects afore-stated and set forth in the certified action of the said Local Board to this body.

The following communication from the Mayor was read, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Mayor and ascertain just in what regard the papers were defective :

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, {
September 20, 1899. }

Mr. JOHN H. MOONEY, Esq., *Secretary, Board of Public Improvements*, Nos. 13 to 21 Park row :

DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Mayor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Improvements on the 6th instant, relative to laying out and locating an approach to the Third avenue bridge over the Harlem river, by taking therefor certain property between the Southern Boulevard, Lincoln avenue, Third avenue and the bulkhead line.

I am directed by the Mayor to return the map submitted with your letter of the 19th instant,

and to inform you that, upon the papers submitted, he declines to approve the resolution in question.

Very respectfully yours,

ALFRED M. DOWNES,
Secretary to the Mayor.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Bridges was read :

DEPARTMENT OF BRIDGES—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
September 27, 1899.

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—Please have prepared resolution recommending to the Municipal Assembly contract authorizing me to have necessary soundings, borings and examinations made on the bridges over the East river, at an expense not to exceed \$50,000.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. SHEA, Commissioner.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Bridges for the necessary soundings, borings and examinations for the proposed bridges over the East river, between the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, and between the Boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 1, 1898.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“ Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the making of a contract by the Commissioner of Bridges for the necessary soundings, borings and examinations for the proposed bridges over the East river, between the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, and between the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 1, 1898.”

The following communication from the President of the Borough of Richmond was read :

PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND,
NEW BRIGHTON, N. Y., September 27, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements, No. 21 Park Row, New York City :

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Local Board, First District, Borough of Richmond, The City of New York, held on the 26th day of September, 1899, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, It appears that in certain sections of the Borough of Richmond, the New York and Staten Island Electric Company, the only company furnishing lights in said borough, has turned off a large number of the lights used for illuminating the streets and avenues of said borough ; and

Whereas, It has come to the attention of this Board that said company will, on the 1st day of October, unless it is paid by the City for the lighting heretofore done by it under contracts made prior to the 1st day of January, 1898, discontinue the lighting of the streets and avenues in said borough ; and

Whereas, Great damage will result to the residents and taxpayers of said borough if said lighting is discontinued ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Local Board of the First District of the Borough of Richmond hereby recommends to the Board of Public Improvements that some action be taken to provide for the lighting of the streets and avenues in said Borough of Richmond after said first day of October, 1899.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE CROMWELL, President of the Borough.

On motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing communication be forwarded to the Comptroller, Corporation Counsel and the Mayor.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was submitted by the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies :

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, }
NEW YORK, September 18, 1899.

Hon. HENRY S. KEARNY, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies :

SIR—I have received your communication of August 31, 1899, which reads as follows :

“ Will you kindly inform me if it would embarrass your position any in the matter of the taxpayer's suit, Joseph Blank vs. this Department, restraining me from entering into any contracts for lighting, etc., if I again made application to the Municipal Assembly for their concurrence in entering into a contract for lighting the city.”

In reply thereto I would say that it would not affect our position in the pending suit if you should make an application to the Municipal Assembly as suggested by you.

I adhere to my former opinion that the consent of that body is not an essential requisite in the making of contracts for gas or electric lighting ; yet if, in your opinion, the public interest require that controversy should be avoided and contracts made without delay, I am of the opinion

that you would be justified in taking action which, under other circumstances, would be entirely unnecessary.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN WHALEN, Corporation Counsel.

■ In accordance with the foregoing, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the accompanying forms of ordinance were approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories in the Borough of Manhattan, or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for "Lamps and Lighting, 1899." Borough of Manhattan.

(Form of Ordinance).

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories in the Borough of Manhattan, or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for 'Lamps and Lighting, 1899,' Borough of Manhattan."

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of Brooklyn or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for "Lamps and Lighting, 1899," Borough of Brooklyn.

(Form of Ordinance.)

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899,

be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of Brooklyn or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for ‘Lamps and Lighting, 1899,’ Borough of Brooklyn.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of Queens, or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for “Lamps and Lighting, 1899,” Borough of Queens.

(Form of Ordinance.)

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same is hereby approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing, by contract, of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks, and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of Queens, or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for ‘Lamps and Lighting, 1899,’ Borough of Queens.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of Richmond, or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for “Lamps and Lighting, 1899,” Borough of Richmond.

(Form of Ordinance.)

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of Richmond or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for ‘Lamps and Lighting, 1899,’ Borough of Richmond.”

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of The Bronx or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for “Lamps and Lighting, 1899,” Borough of The Bronx.

(Form of Ordinance.)

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 587 of the Greater New York Charter, the furnishing by contract of electric current, gas or other illuminating material for the period of one year, commencing January 1, 1899, for lighting streets, avenues, parks and public places, also public buildings, offices and armories, in the Borough of The Bronx or the subdivisions thereof, in The City of New York, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said supplies to be paid for from the appropriation for ‘Lamps and Lighting, 1899,’ Borough of The Bronx.”

The following report from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY,
NEW YORK, September 27, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—With letter of 21st instant from the Secretary of your Board was transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a copy of a communication from the President of the Borough of Queens, with a resolution of the Local Board of that borough, renewing the application for an equalization of the rates charged for water supply in the Third Ward of that borough with the rates charged in the former Village of Flushing.

In reply, I desire to say that, by letter of February 7, 1899, I submitted to the Corporation Counsel the facts that house-owners and residents outside of the boundaries of the former Village of Flushing, who receive their water supply from the Flushing water plant, are charged 50 per cent. more than the regular rates charged in the village proper, and I asked his advice whether the regular rates of the former village should be applied in these cases.

By letter of February 27, 1899, the Corporation Counsel advised me that, under section 473 of the Charter, which vests the power to fix and establish a uniform scale of rents and charges for supplying water by The City of New York in the Municipal Assembly, on recommendation of the Board of Public Improvements, it is not my province and not in my power to interfere with any established water rents, and that the existing rates should not be changed except by action of the Board of Public Improvements and the Municipal Assembly.

The letter from the Secretary of the Board also stated that it is desired to bring up the question of water rates at the next meeting (to-day).

This subject has been fully placed before the Board in my former communications, and it rests with the Board to take action thereon.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

On motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Water Supply be requested to submit to this Board the proper ordinance for the equalization of water rates in the Borough of Queens, so that we may submit it to the Municipal Assembly.

In the matter of the reconstruction of sewers in Smith and other streets in the Borough of Brooklyn, which was laid over from last week, Chief Engineer Morrison, of the Department of Sewers, Borough of Brooklyn, made a statement, as follows :

STATEMENT OF CHIEF ENGINEER MORRISON.

Chairman—Now, Mr. Engineer, what about the construction of that sewer. Is the bottom all right ?

Mr. Morrison—Yes, sir. It is an old sewer, built back in the fifties. The bottom is intact, and in good condition. The only trouble is that it is so near the surface—in some places not more than three inches—and the constant heavy trucking, and also a trolley car line constantly running over it, has disturbed this arch until it is in danger of falling over. I have been through it, and in walking through it you would be afraid to take another step. It is in such condition

that it may fall any time. The sewer is of such capacity that a new arch can be built inside of it, keeping the inward intact. The inward will not have to be touched.

On motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the work necessary to be done on the sewers in Warren street, Smith street, etc., mentioned in the letter of the Commissioner of Sewers to the Comptroller under date of September 11, 1899, is in the opinion of this Board to be considered as repairs and is to be paid for from appropriations to be made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and this Board would respectfully request that such appropriation be immediately made.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Highways was read :

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 20, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—On July 22, 1898, the Secretary of the Board of Public Improvements transmitted to me, for investigation and report, a resolution adopted by the Local Board of the Twenty-first District, Borough of The Bronx, recommending that East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, between Third and Fulton avenues, be regulated, graded and paved with asphalt on concrete foundation.

In reply, I beg to report that upon examination, I find that a sewer has been constructed in this street ; that a public school is located on the north side thereof and that the whole of the south side is built up with flats. The improvement provided for in this resolution is therefore necessary, and I recommend that it be authorized.

The estimated cost of the work is \$2,100 and the assessed value of the real estate within the probable area of assessment is \$99,000.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. KEATING, Commissioner of Highways.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, between Third and Fulton avenues, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the paving of the carriageway thereof with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, and the laying of crosswalks where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value according to the last preceding tax-roll of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100). The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$99,000).

And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Bridges, and President of the Borough of The Bronx.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly.

Be it Ordained, by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, and it is hereby determined that the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid as therein provided, namely :

“Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of sections 413 and 422 of the Greater New York Charter, the regulating and grading of East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, between Third and Fulton avenues, in the Borough of The Bronx, and the paving of the carriageway thereof with asphalt pavement on a concrete foundation, the setting of curbstones, flagging of sidewalks a space four (4) feet in width, and the laying of crosswalks where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, be and the same hereby is authorized and approved, there having been presented to said Board an estimate in writing in such detail as the said Board has directed, of the cost of the proposed work or improvement, and a statement of the assessed value according to the last preceding tax-roll of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment, the estimated cost of said work being two thousand one hundred dollars. The said assessed value of the real estate included within the probable area of assessment is ninety-nine thousand dollars.

“And the said Board does hereby determine that no portion of the cost and expense thereof shall be borne and paid by The City of New York, but the whole of such cost and expense shall be assessed upon the property deemed to be benefited thereby.”

On motion of the President of the Borough of Brooklyn, the following resolution was then unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That unless the report of the Comptroller in regard to the amount of money available for improvements is presented by next Wednesday (October 4) that resolutions for improvements which have been sent to this Board from January 1, 1898, to date, and which are now awaiting the action of the Board, be passed upon and sent forward to the Municipal Assembly ; and that the Comptroller be notified of this resolution.

The following communication from the Commissioner of Water Supply was read :

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
NOS. 13 TO 21 PARK ROW, }
NEW YORK, September 19, 1899. }

Hon. MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, President, Board of Public Improvements :

DEAR SIR—From report made to me by the Chief Engineer of this Department, I find it desirable that improvements be made on the grounds in front of the engine-house at the High Bridge pumping-station, the cost of which is estimated at \$2,875.

I therefore respectfully ask the approval of your Board for the making of a contract for such improvements, the cost to be paid from the appropriation for "Aqueduct Repairs and Maintenance for 1899."

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM DALTON, Commissioner of Water Supply.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the improvement of the grounds in front of the engine-house at the High Bridge pumping-station, Borough of Manhattan, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for "Aqueduct Repairs and Maintenance for 1899."

Affirmative—Commissioner of Water Supply, Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Sewers, and Commissioner of Bridges.

Negative—None.

In connection with the foregoing, the following form of ordinance was approved for transmission to the Municipal Assembly :

Be it Ordained by the Municipal Assembly of The City of New York, as follows :

That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the following resolution of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by that Board on the 27th day of September, 1899, be and the same hereby is approved, and the public work or improvement therein provided for is hereby authorized, viz. :

"Resolved, by the Board of Public Improvements, That, in pursuance of section 413 of the Greater New York Charter, the improvement of the grounds in front of the engine-house at the High Bridge Pumping Station, Borough of Manhattan, and the making of a contract for the same by the Commissioner of Water Supply, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved, the cost of said public work or improvement to be paid for from the appropriation for Aqueduct Repairs and Maintenance for 1899."

The following communication was referred to the President of the Borough of The Bronx :

To the Board of Street Improvements, City of New York :

DEAR SIRs—We, the undersigned, owning property adjoining East Two Hundred and Tenth street and Station place hereby ask that the grade and width of the proposed bridge across the New York and Harlem Railroad at Two Hundred and Tenth street be changed so that it shall be a foot-bridge thirty feet in width and at either end eighty-eight feet above the mean high water line ; that at the eastern end steps be placed leading to Station place, and that the approach to said bridge from Two Hundred and Tenth street and Station place be so changed that the junction of Two Hundred and Tenth street and Station place shall be sixty-seven feet above mean high water line.

THE NEW YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY,

By E. M. ROSSITER, Treasurer, and Others.

Adjourned.

Attest :

JOHN H. MOONEY, Secretary.





